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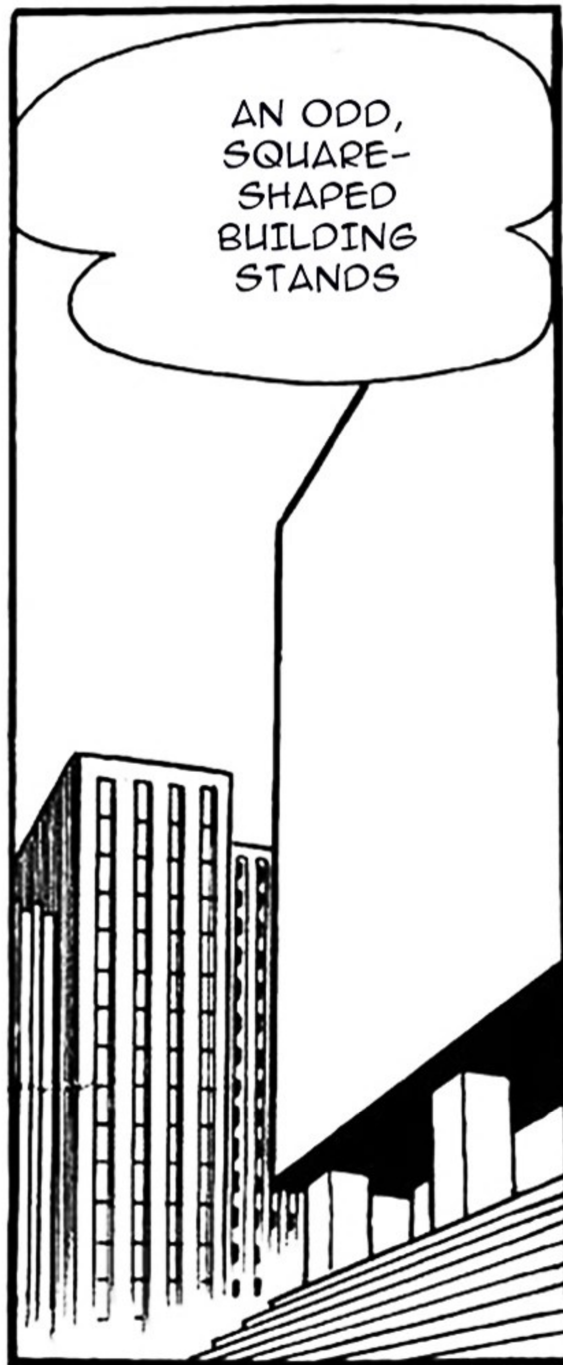
Because Dr. MacKeller of the Southeast Asian chapter of the Cross Party injects the liquid Big X into animals in experiments, the liquid is soon used up. Akira returns to Japan with Nina and completes Big X from the formula left by his father. Dr. MacKeller and Hans, who had become a member of the Cross Party arrive in Japan in search of Big X. But Hans is killed. Prof. Hanamaru feels sorry for Hans and changes the latter into a cyborg. The Cross Party was planning to induce war between the U.S. and the Soviet Union in which hydrogen bombs were sure to be used. It also planned to escape in a rocket into space and return to earth after atomic radiaton had settled down and then conquer the whole world. Silver, who was planning to become the president of the U.S. was also a member of the Cross Party. Akira learns of Silver's plan and goes to Cape Barbella in the U.S. where hydrogen missiles are stored, and destroys the base. The party uses V-3s to attack Akira but he repulses all of them. He beguiles the leader of the party to meet him and Akira finds out that the leader was none other than Hitler's shadowman. Akira is recognized for the role he played in averting a world war and he is appointed a member of the United Nations' military inspection team. Akira and Nina go to the republic of Galea which was suffering from a cold wave. Their plan was to use Big X to solve the food shortage there. The roots of an Irish potato turns into a monstrous being after absorbing Big X. The Republic of Galea had built a secret fortress underground and this was the cause of the cold wave. The monstrous potato goes into the underground fortress and occupies the electronic brain. He starts to call himself King Galea and barks orders in the voice of a human being. Akira calls the cyborg Hans from Japan to destroy King Galea but Hans becomes an ally of King Galea. (To be continued in Vol. IV).

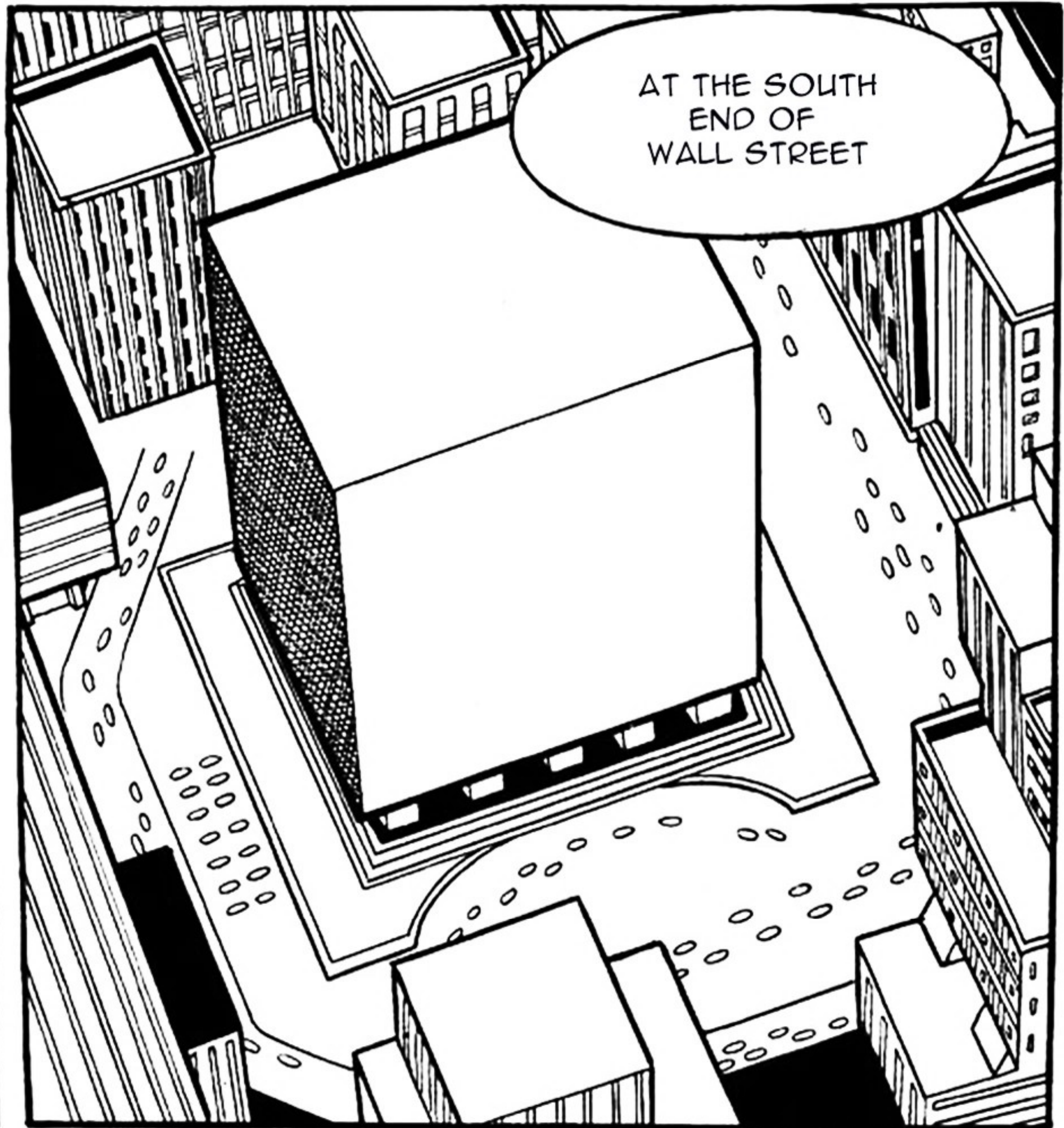
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THE 12 HOUR DUEL

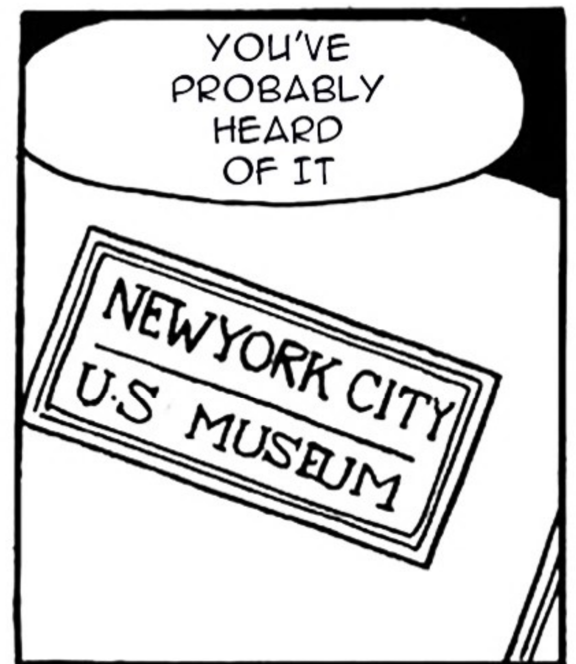

NEW YORK CITY


AN ODD, SQUARE-SHAPED BUILDING STANDS


AT THE SOUTH END OF WALL STREET


IT'S REALLY THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE *CROSS PARTY*


BUT IT'S MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE


YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD OF IT
NEW YORK CITY
U.S MUSEUM

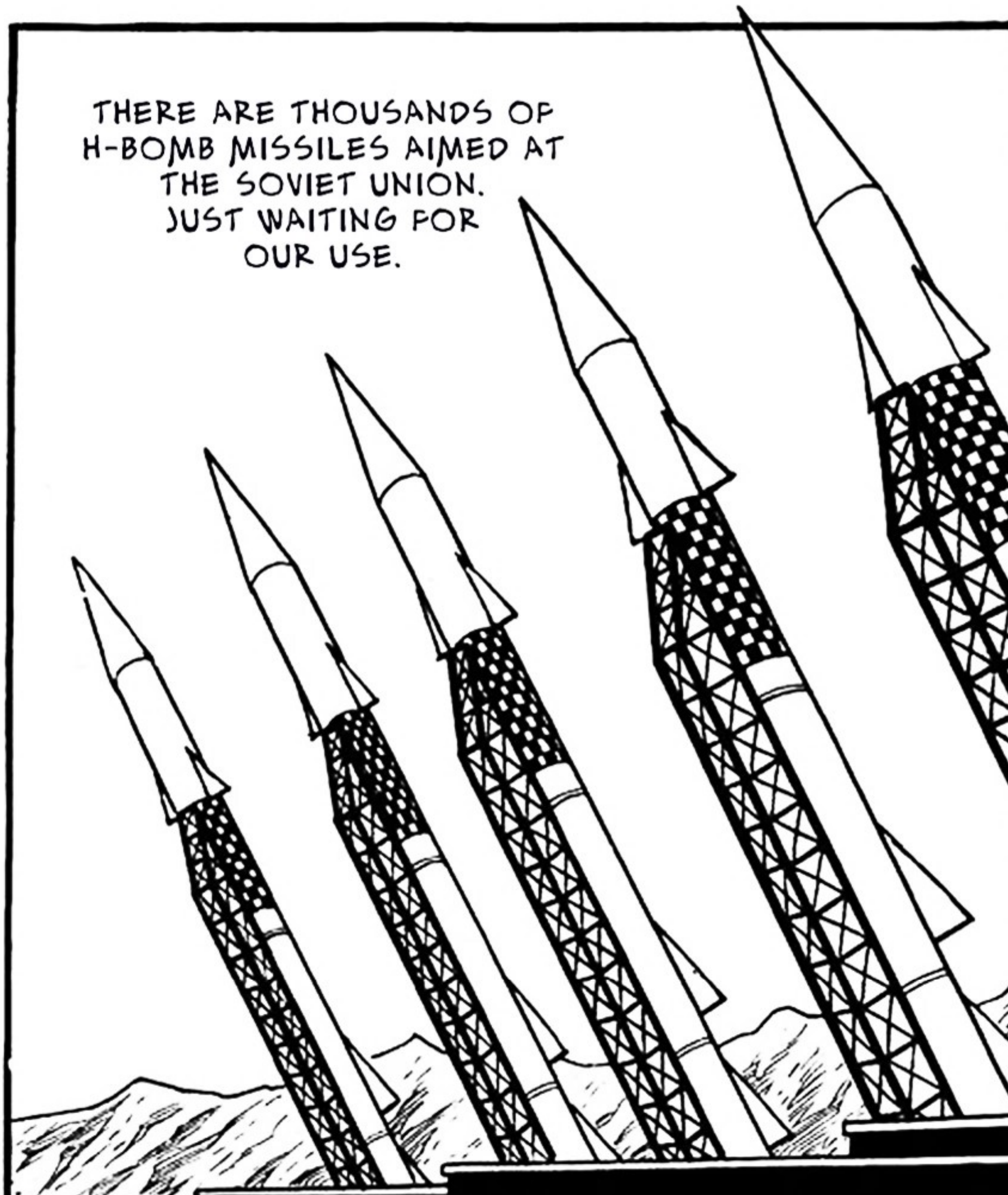

TOMORROW IS THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.
YES, WELL... EVERYTHING IS GOING AS PLANNED


SILVER, I NEED TO HEAR YOUR REPORT

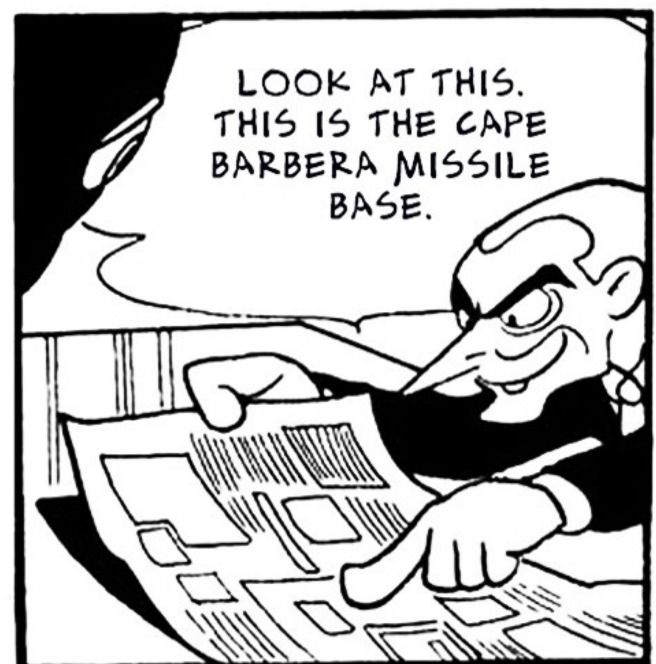

CONGRAT-ULATIONS MR. SILVER
ABSOLUTELY, AND BY THIS TIME TOMORROW, I'LL BE IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

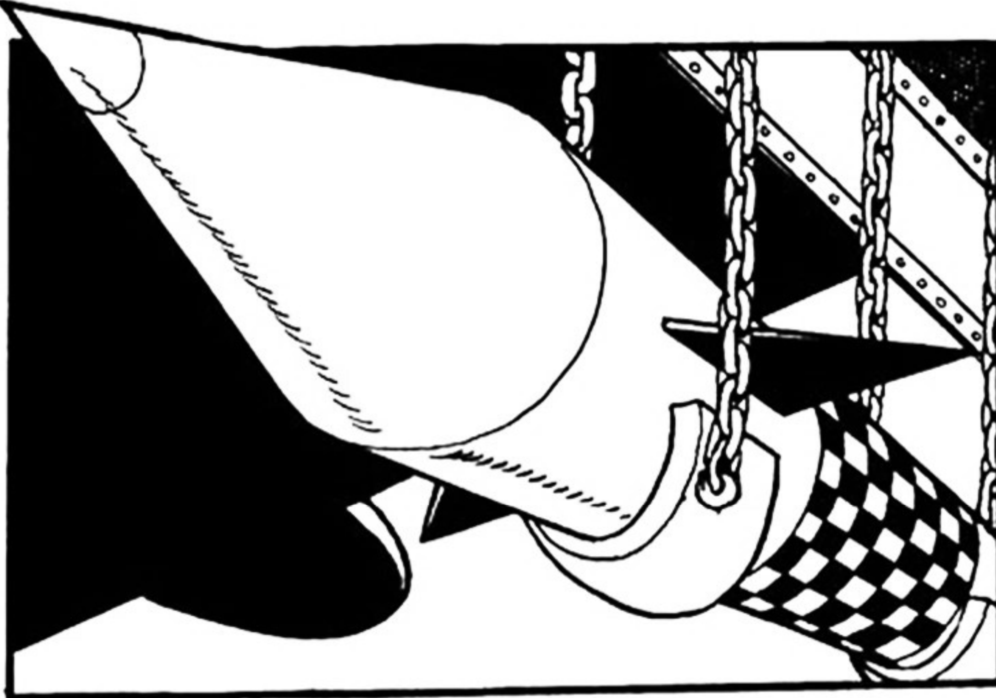

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT YOUR PLAN?

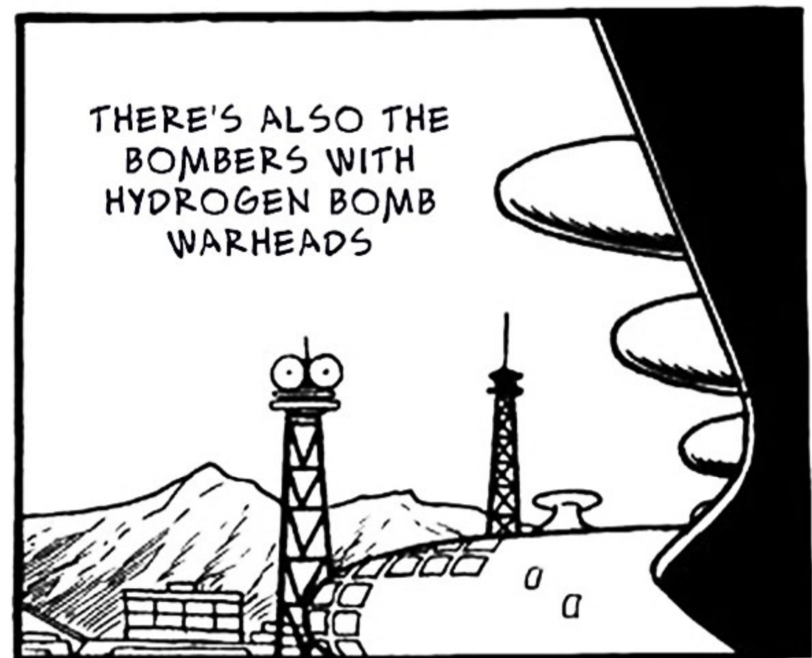

AND THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT I WILL BE ELECTED


THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF H-BOMB MISSILES AIMED AT THE SOVIET UNION. JUST WAITING FOR OUR USE.

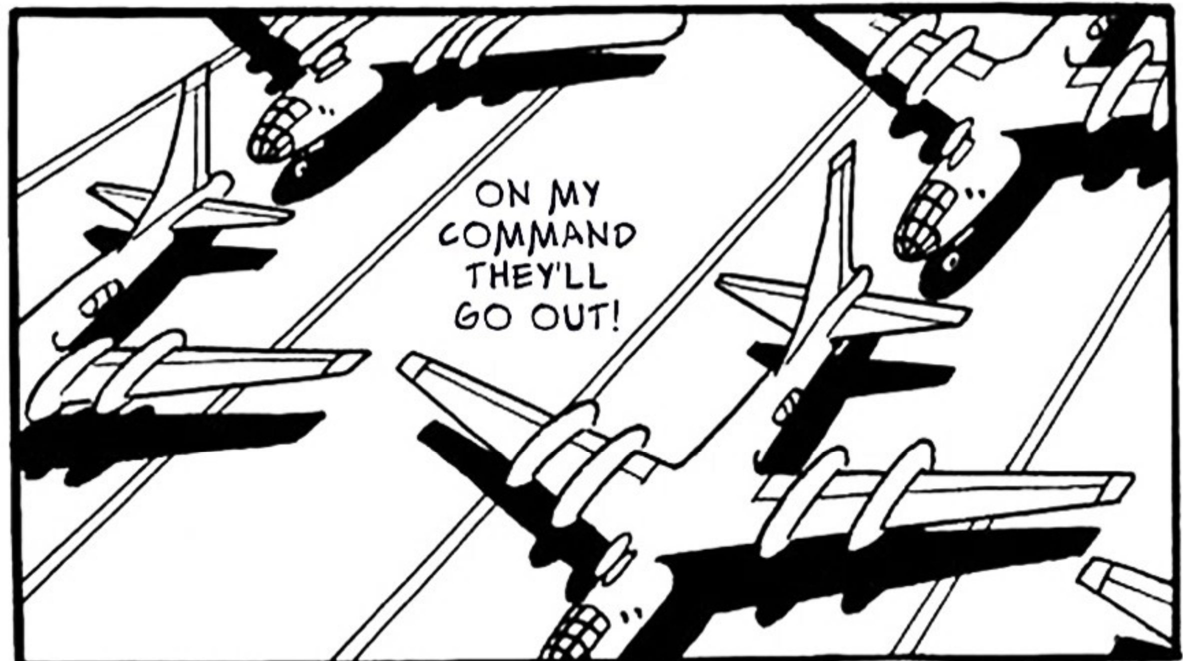

AS SOON AS I'M ELECTED PRESIDENT, I'LL BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT OUR PLAN

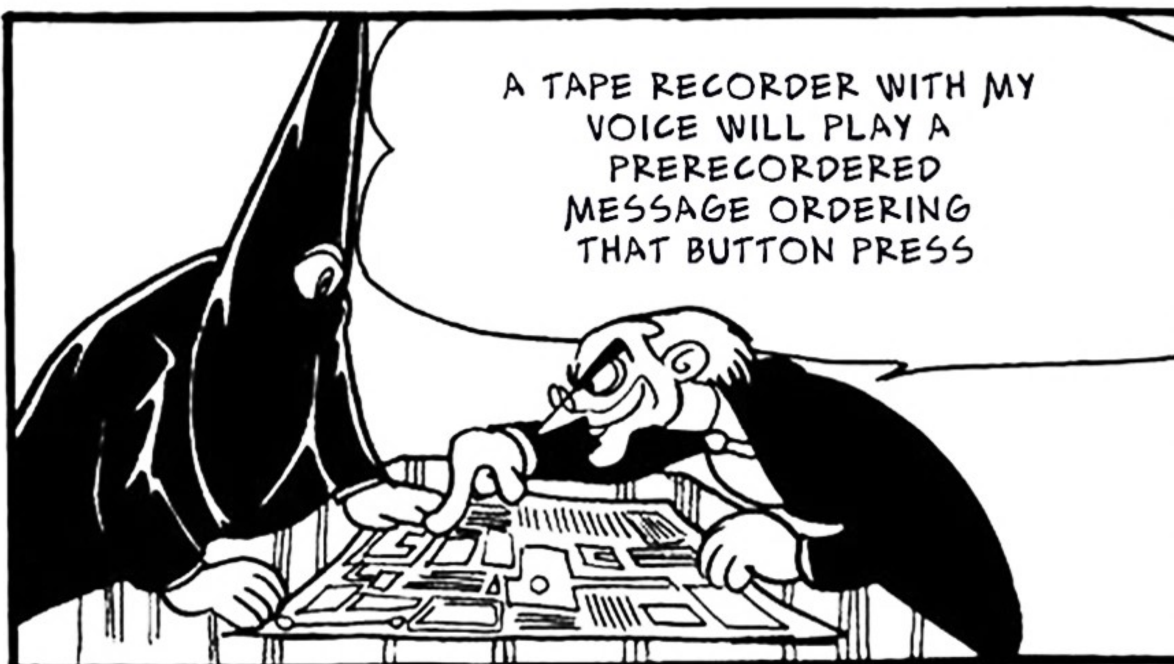

LOOK AT THIS. THIS IS THE CAPE BARBERA MISSILE BASE.

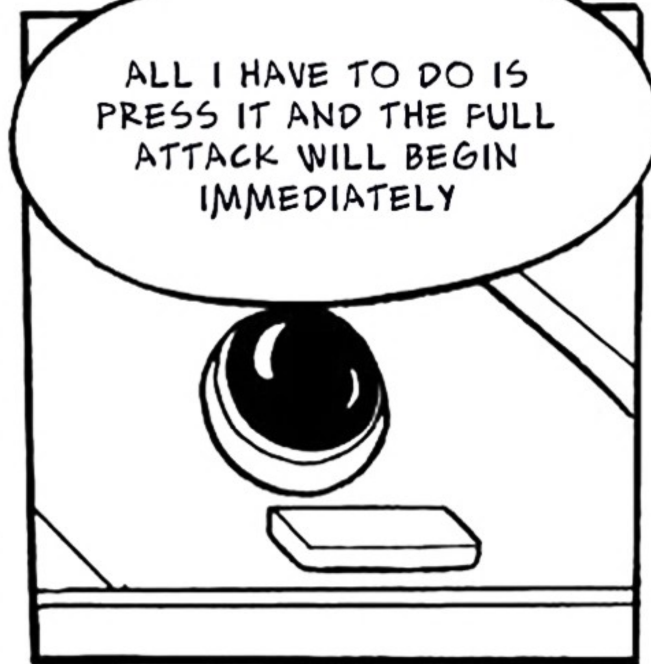


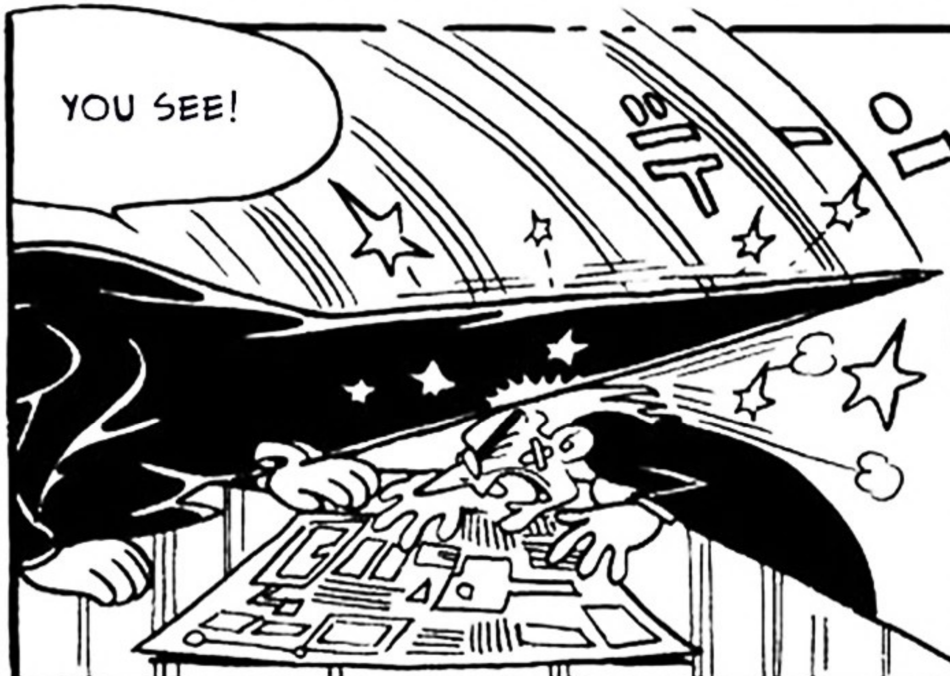

THERE'S ALSO THE BOMBERS WITH HYDROGEN BOMB WARHEADS


IT'S JUST ONE BUTTON TO SET OFF THAT ORDER


ON MY COMMAND THEY'LL GO OUT!

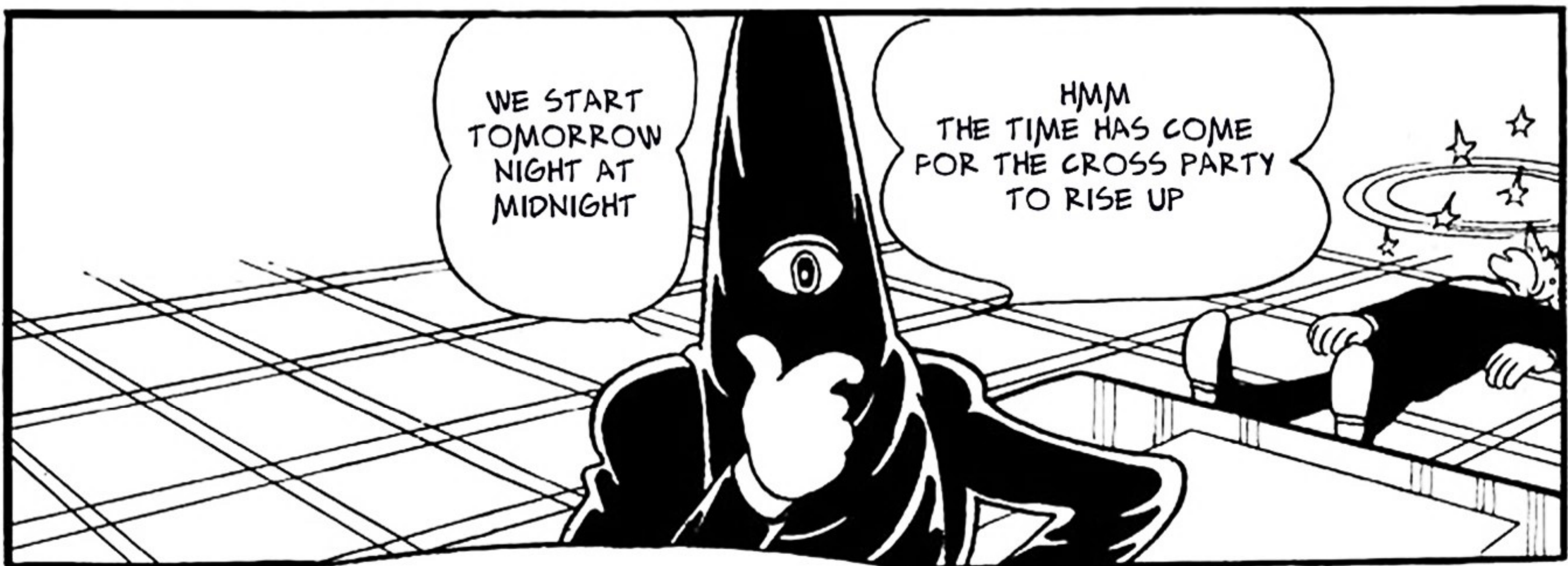

A TAPE RECORDER WITH MY VOICE WILL PLAY A PRERECORDERED MESSAGE ORDERING THAT BUTTON PRESS


ALL I HAVE TO DO IS PRESS IT AND THE FULL ATTACK WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY

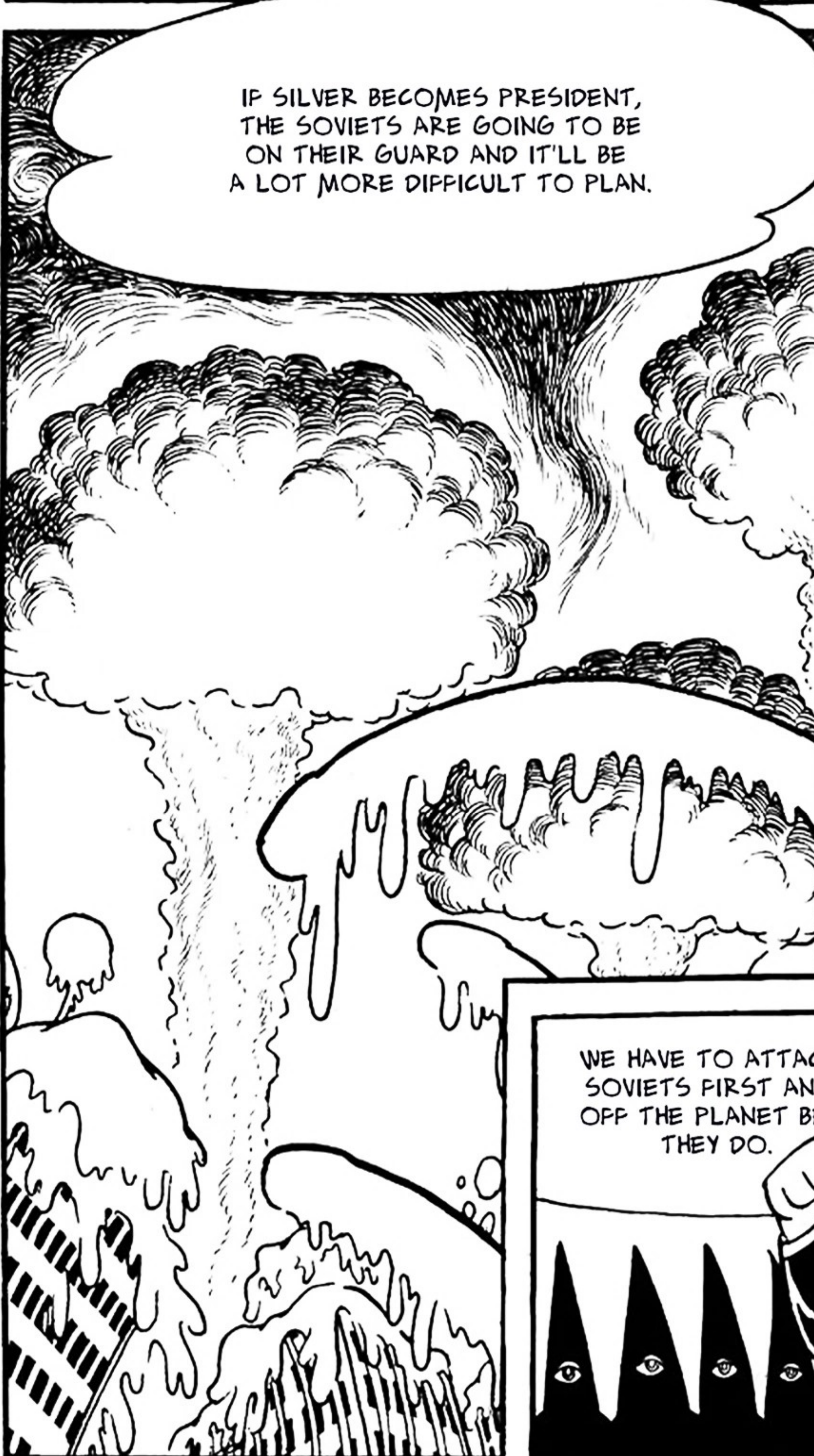

YOU SEE!


DON'T GET TOO CARRIED AWAY... IT'S DANGEROUS


CONGRESS-MAN SILVER!

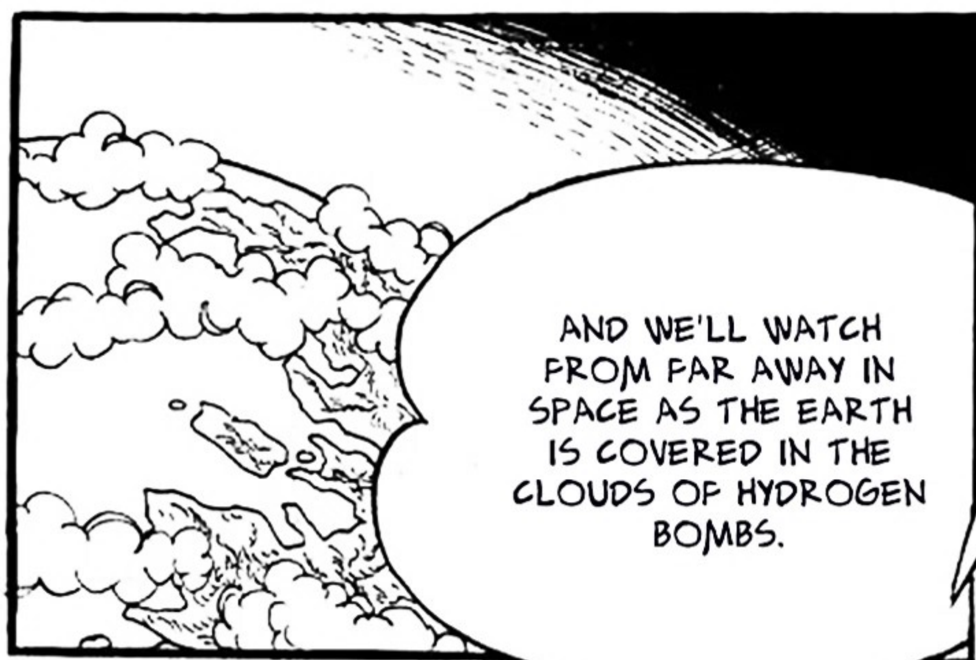

HMM
THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE CROSS PARTY TO RISE UP
WE START TOMORROW NIGHT AT MIDNIGHT

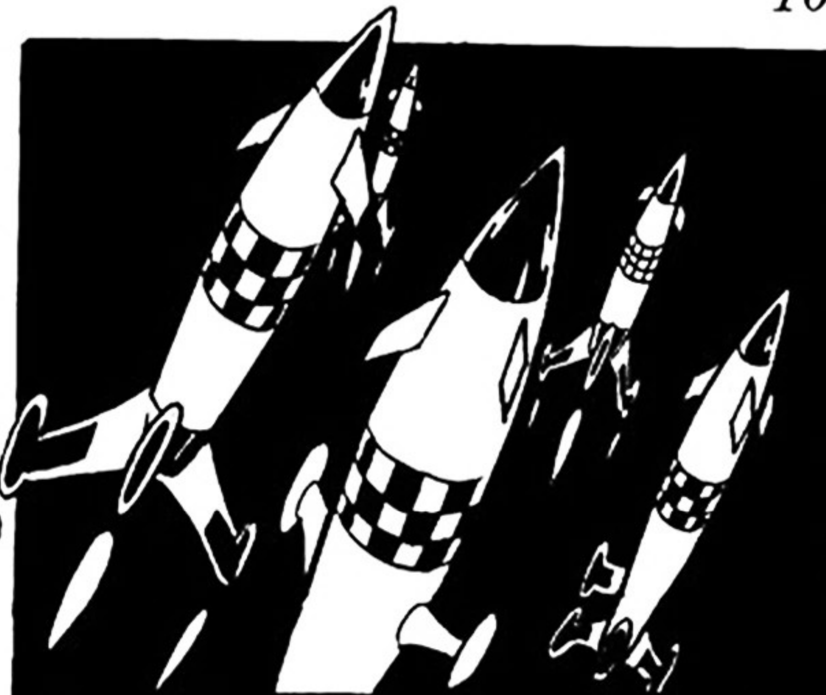

TOMORROW NIGHT AT 12 PM?


IF SILVER BECOMES PRESIDENT, THE SOVIETS ARE GOING TO BE ON THEIR GUARD AND IT'LL BE A LOT MORE DIFFICULT TO PLAN.

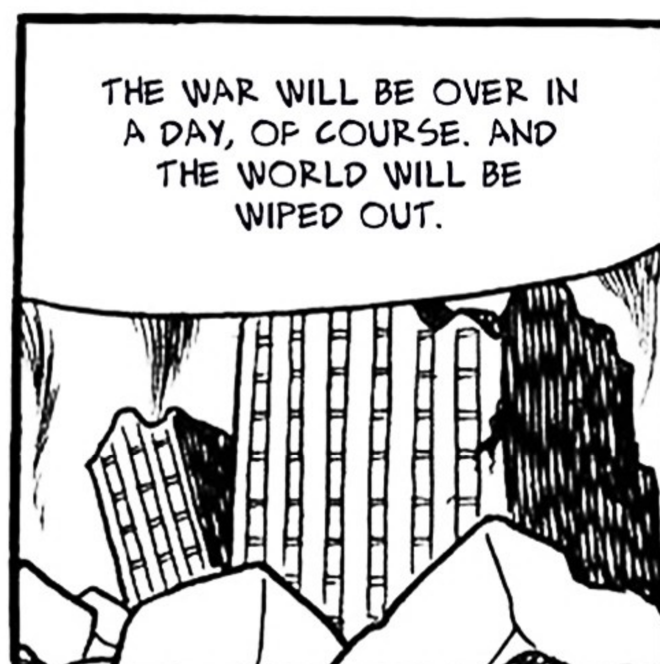

THAT'S IT! WE CAN'T STAY HERE ANY LONGER


SO... AS SOON AS SILVER BECOMES PRESIDENT .....
WE HAVE TO ATTACK THE SOVIETS FIRST AND GET OFF THE PLANET BEFORE THEY DO.


AND WE'LL WATCH FROM FAR AWAY IN SPACE AS THE EARTH IS COVERED IN THE CLOUDS OF HYDROGEN BOMBS.




AND THEN WHEN THE RADIATION HAS WORN OFF, WE'LL RETURN TO EARTH

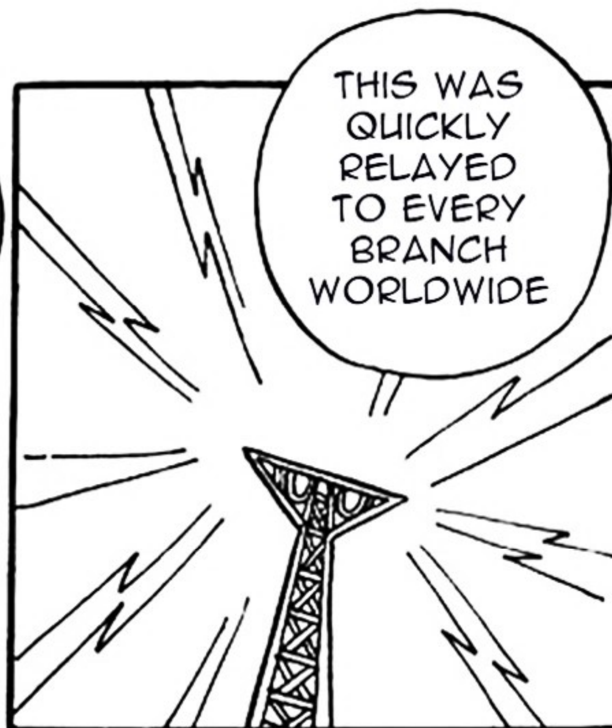

THE WAR WILL BE OVER IN A DAY, OF COURSE. AND THE WORLD WILL BE WIPED OUT.

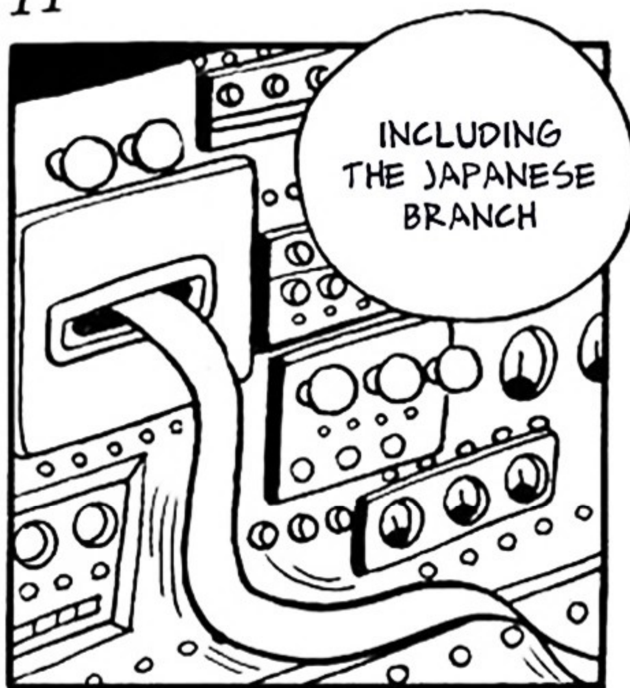

HAIL TO THE CROSS PARTY!


WE ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN PULL THIS OFF


GET THIS MESSAGE OUT TO ALL CROSS PARTY BRANCHES WOLRD WIDE!


THE SECRET ORDER IS SET FOR MIDNIGHT


THIS WAS QUICKLY RELAYED TO EVERY BRANCH WORLDWIDE


INCLUDING THE JAPANESE BRANCH


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JEWEL
WELCOME!

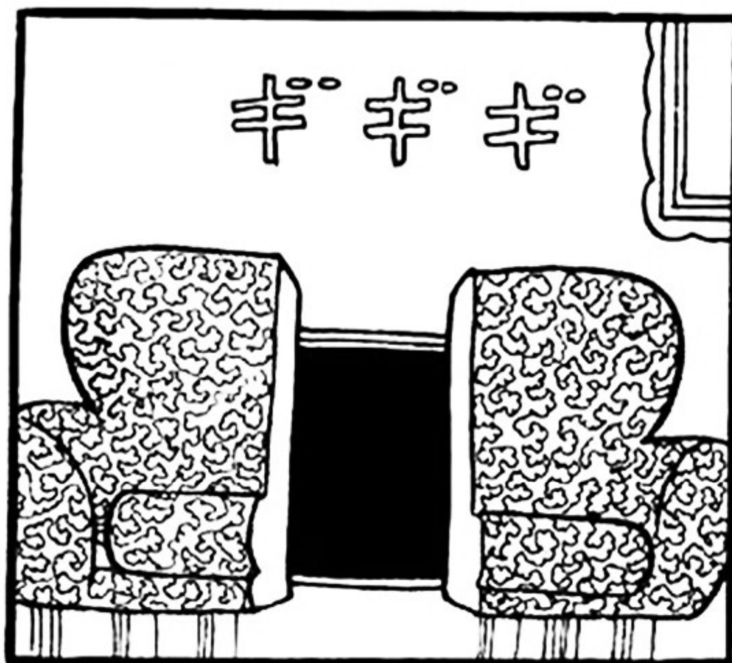

YES SIR, WHAT KIND OF JEWELRY WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?


PLEASE MAKE A JEWEL THAT LOOKS LIKE THIS


AH... NICE TO MEET YOU SIR. COME THIS WAY PLEASE.


LET'S DISCUSS THIS IN THE BACK ROOM



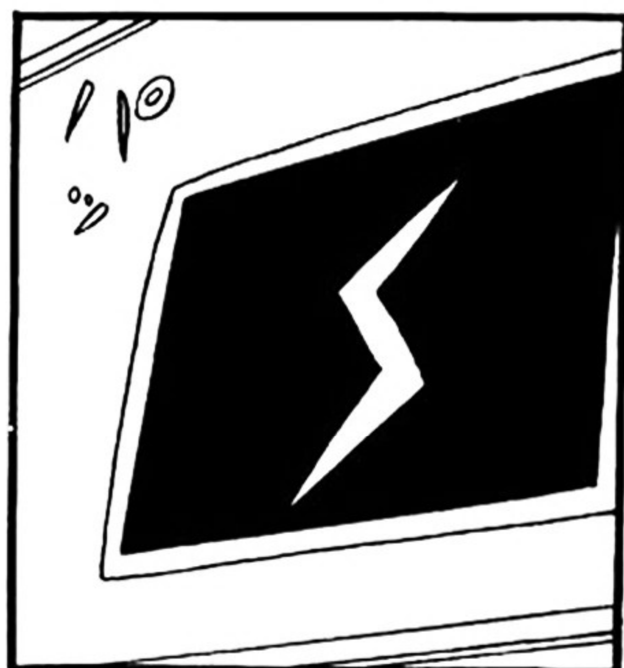

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WATCH YOUR STEP

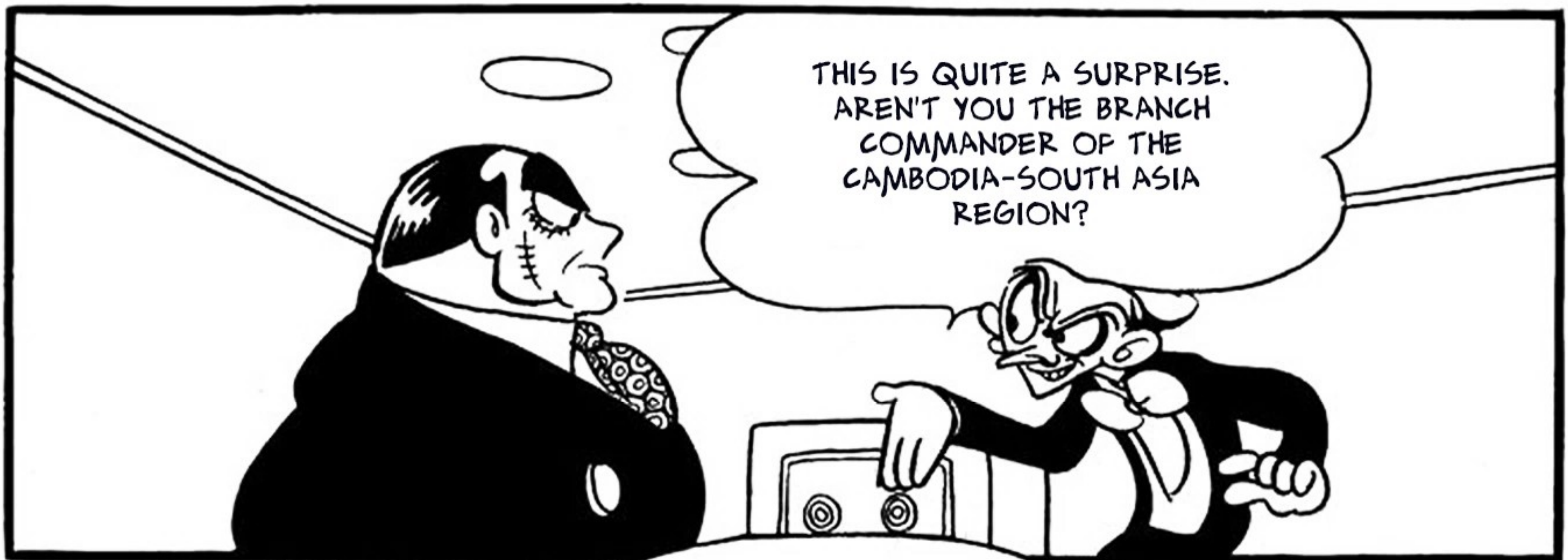

PLEASE COME IN
HMM NIFTY TRICK


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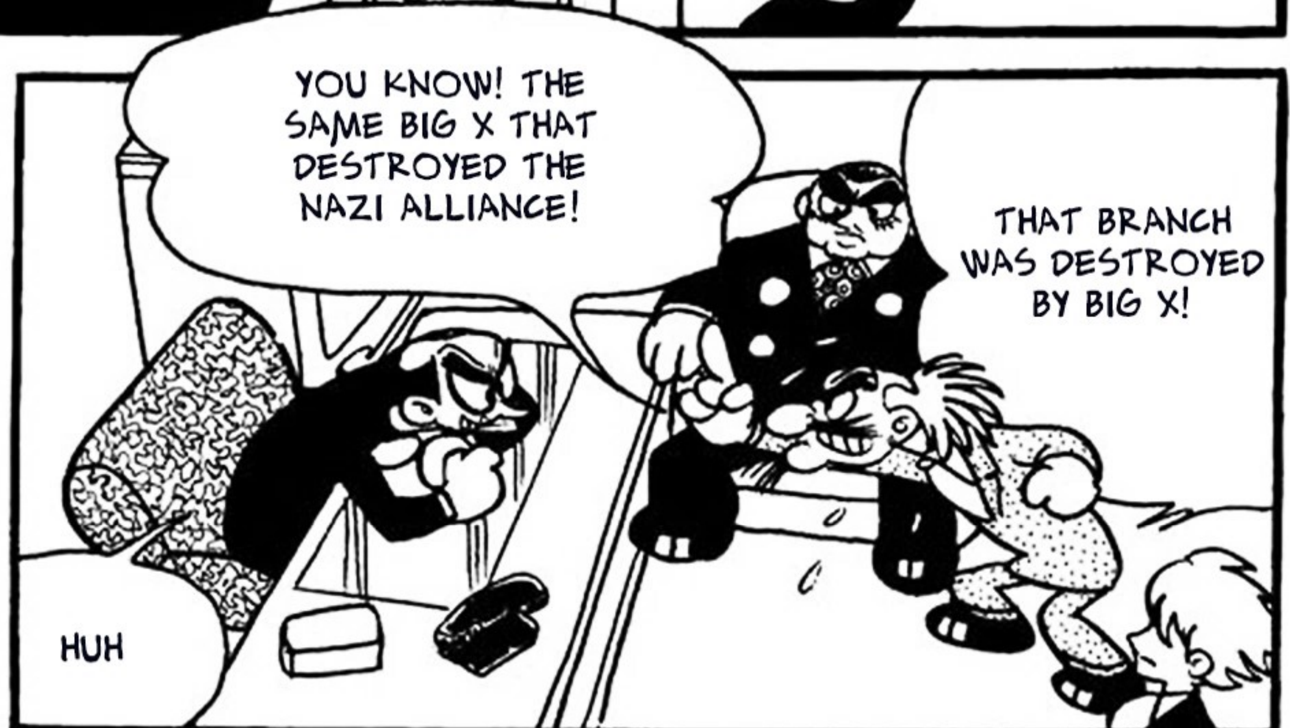



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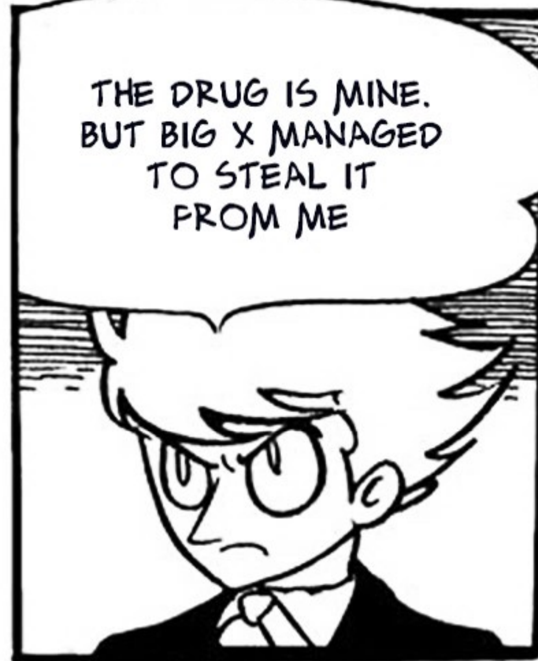

GLORY TO THE CROSS PARTY!
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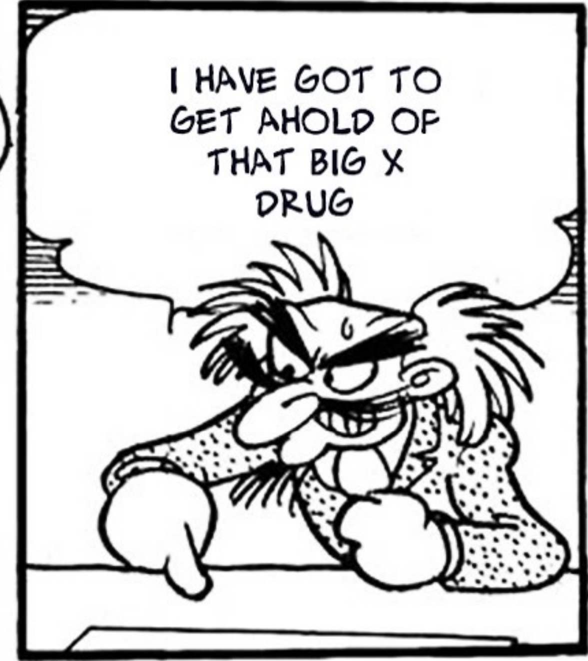

THIS IS QUITE A SURPRISE. AREN'T YOU THE BRANCH COMMANDER OF THE CAMBODIA-SOUTH ASIA REGION?

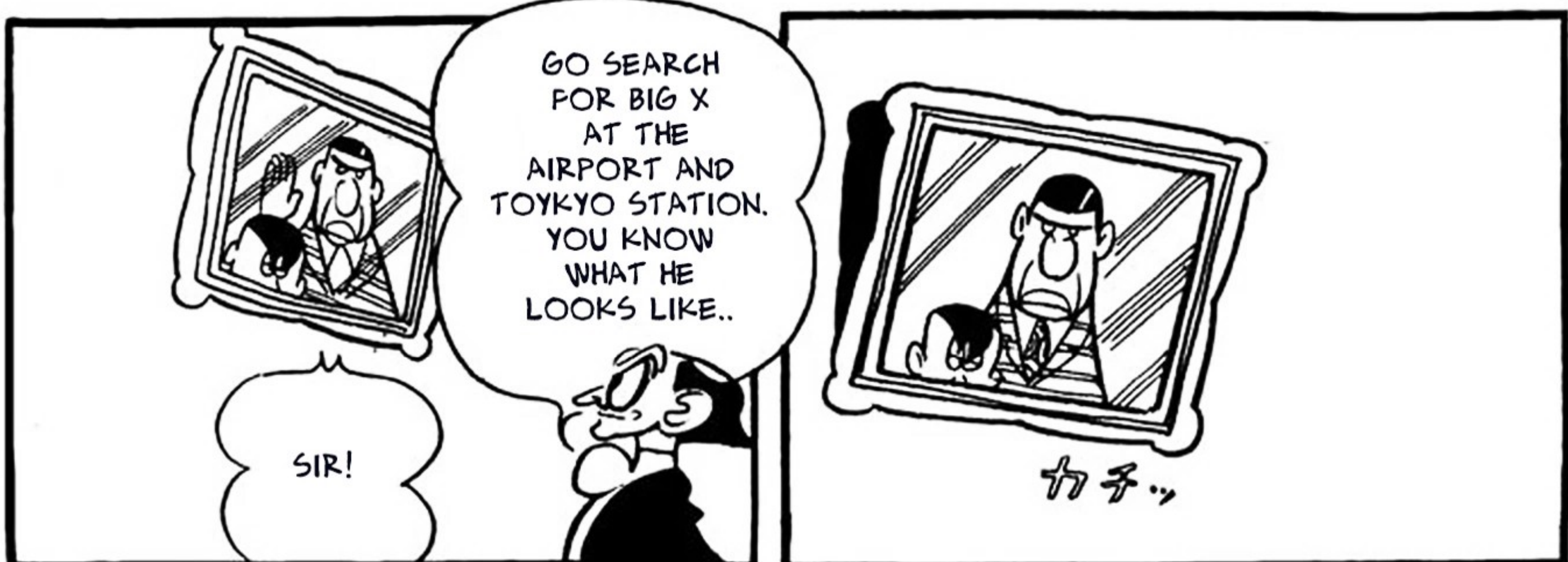

I SEE

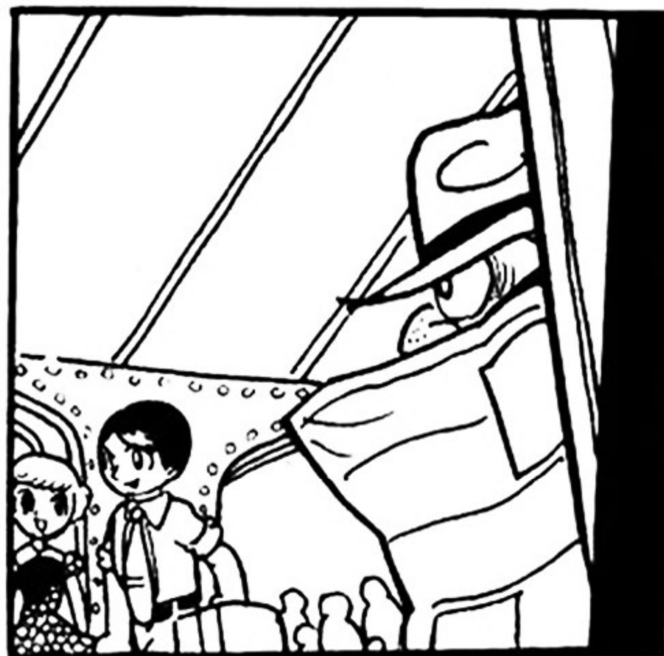

THAT BRANCH WAS DESTROYED BY BIG X!
HUH
YOU KNOW! THE SAME BIG X THAT DESTROYED THE NAZI ALLIANCE!

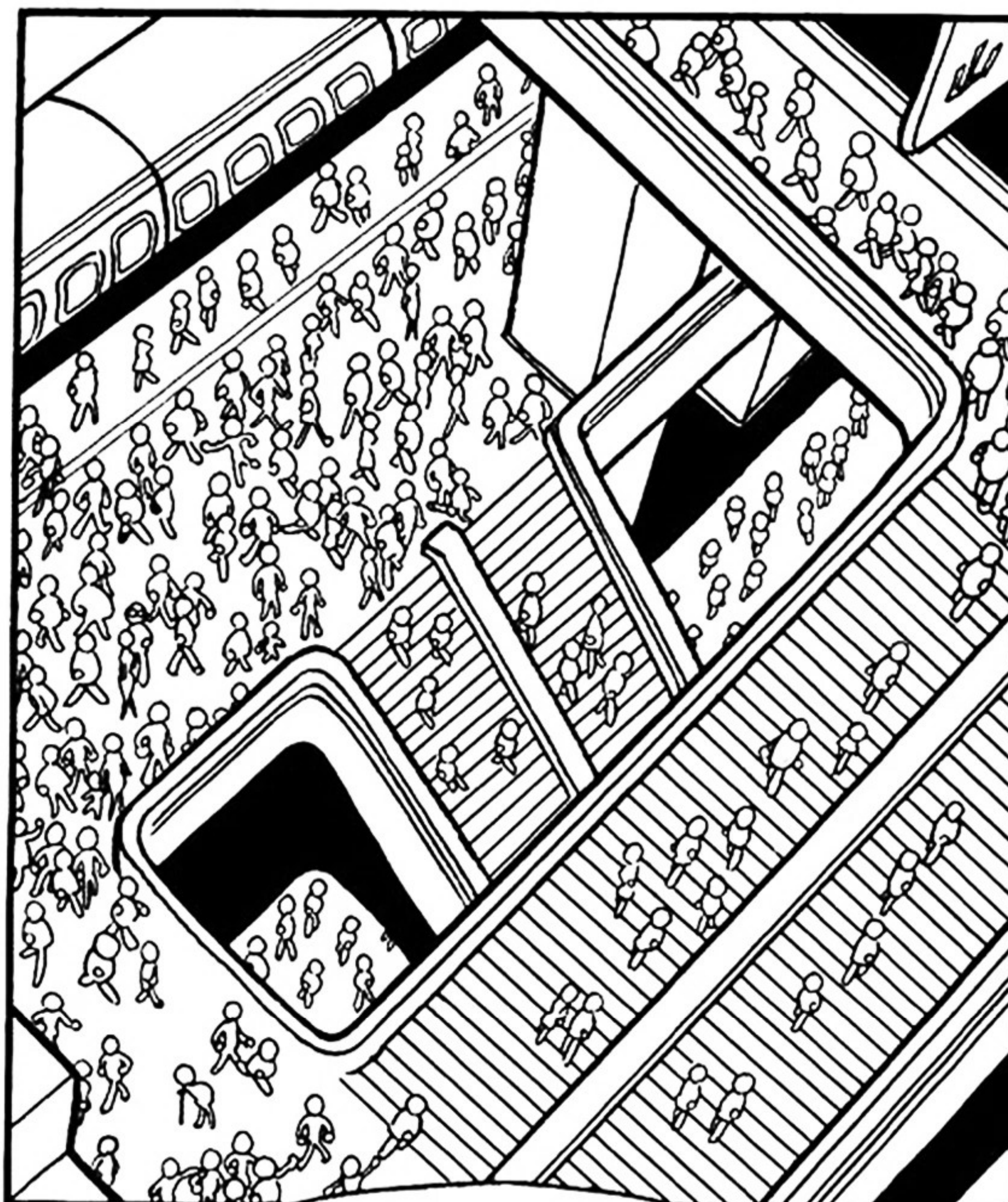

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THE DRUG IS MINE. BUT BIG X MANAGED TO STEAL IT FROM ME

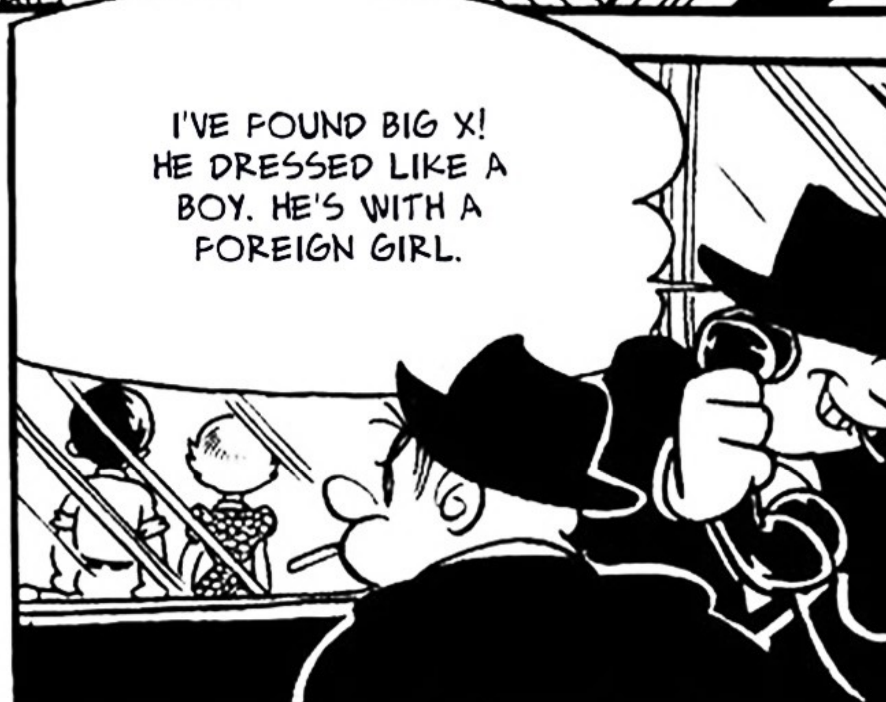

I HAVE GOT TO GET AHOLD OF THAT BIG X DRUG


GO SEARCH FOR BIG X AT THE AIRPORT AND TOYKYO STATION. YOU KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE..
SIR!
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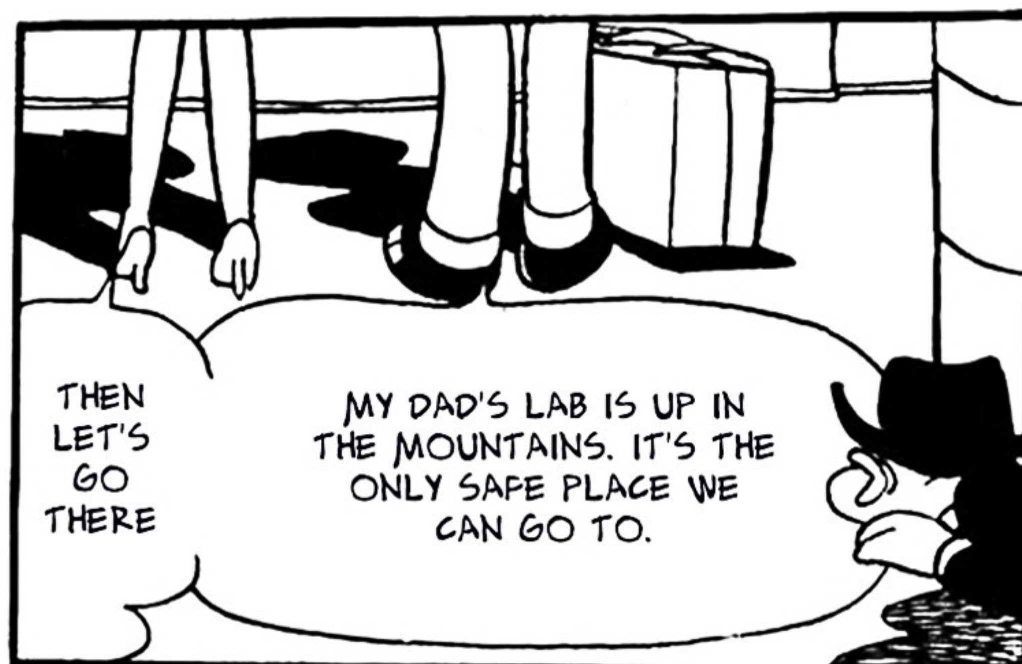



TOKYO.... TOKYO... YAMANOTE LINE... CHUO LINE TRANSFER...

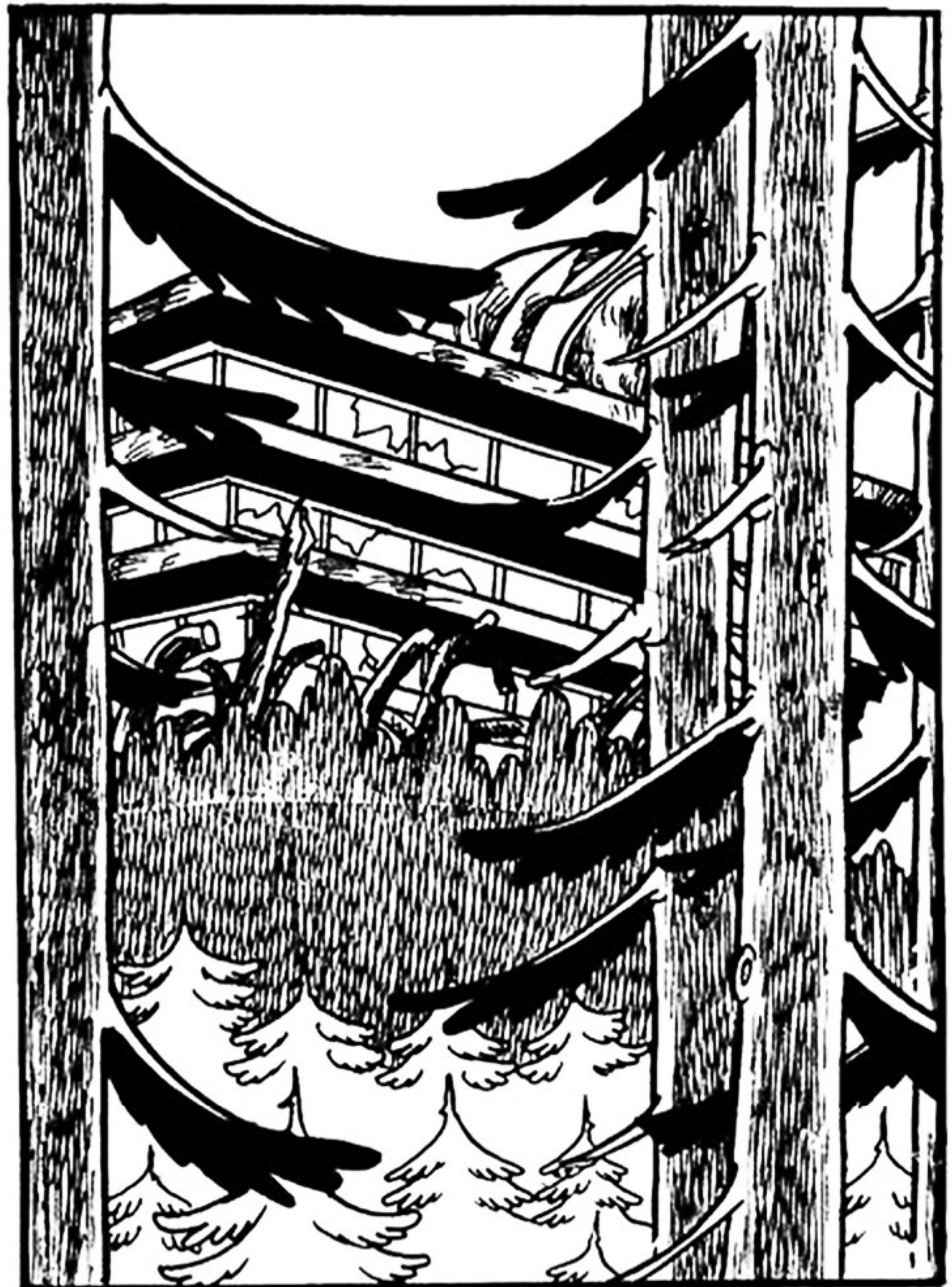

I'VE FOUND BIG X! HE DRESSED LIKE A BOY. HE'S WITH A FOREIGN GIRL.

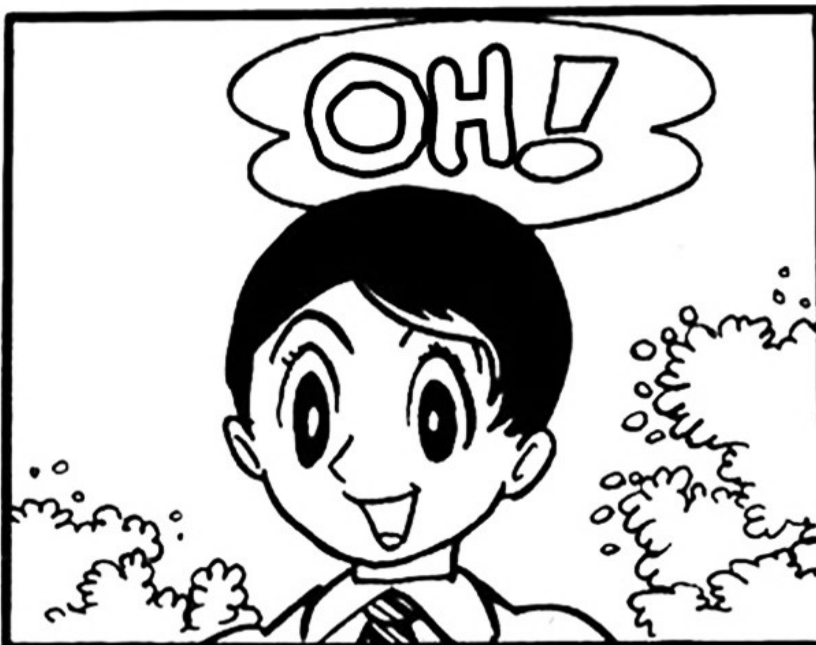



THIS IS TOKYO. I'M FINALLY BACK IN JAPAN! MY HOME AWAY FROM HOME.
TOKYO. IT SO NICE HERE!


MY DAD'S LAB IS UP IN THE MOUNTAINS. IT'S THE ONLY SAFE PLACE WE CAN GO TO.
THEN LET'S GO THERE


IT'S BEEN A WHILE
WE'RE FINALLY HERE!




OH!


I'M HOME!
MOM!

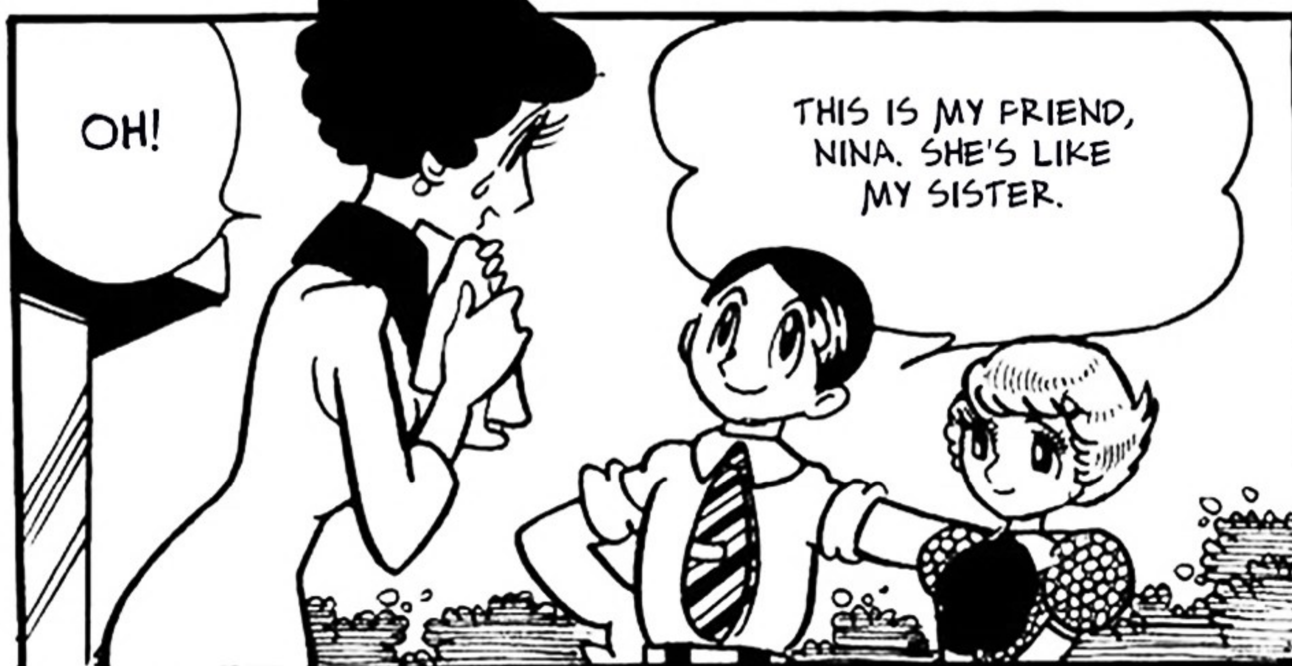

MOM

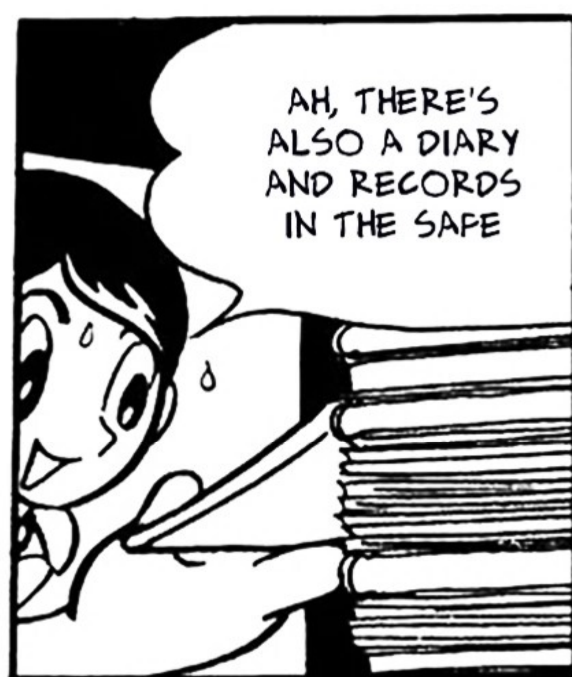



AKIRA! IT'S REALLY AKIRA! LET ME SEE YOUR FACE

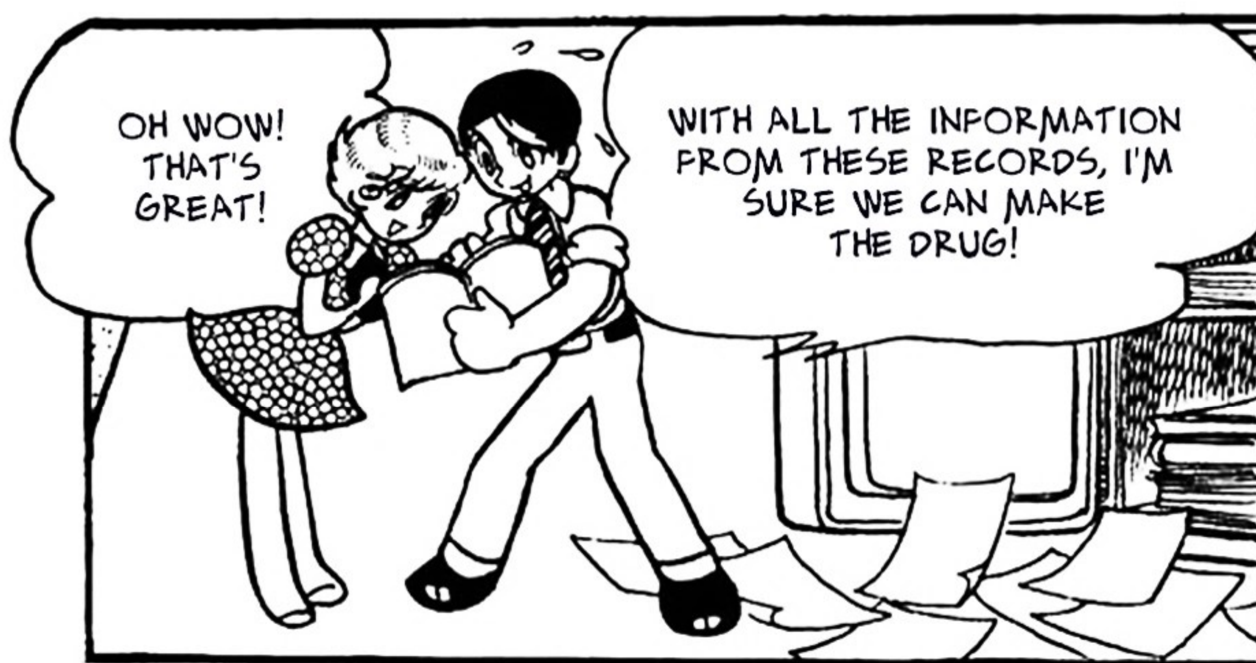

MOMMA!
AKIRA!!

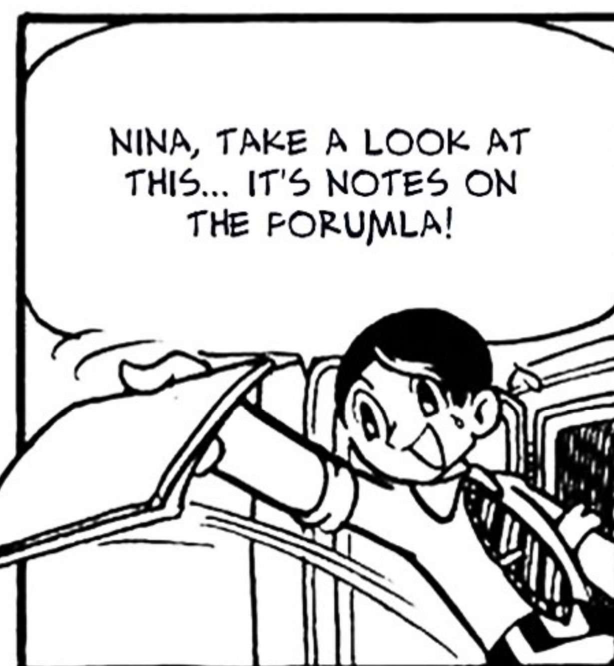

I'M SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE. PLEASE STAY WITH US FOR NOW ON.

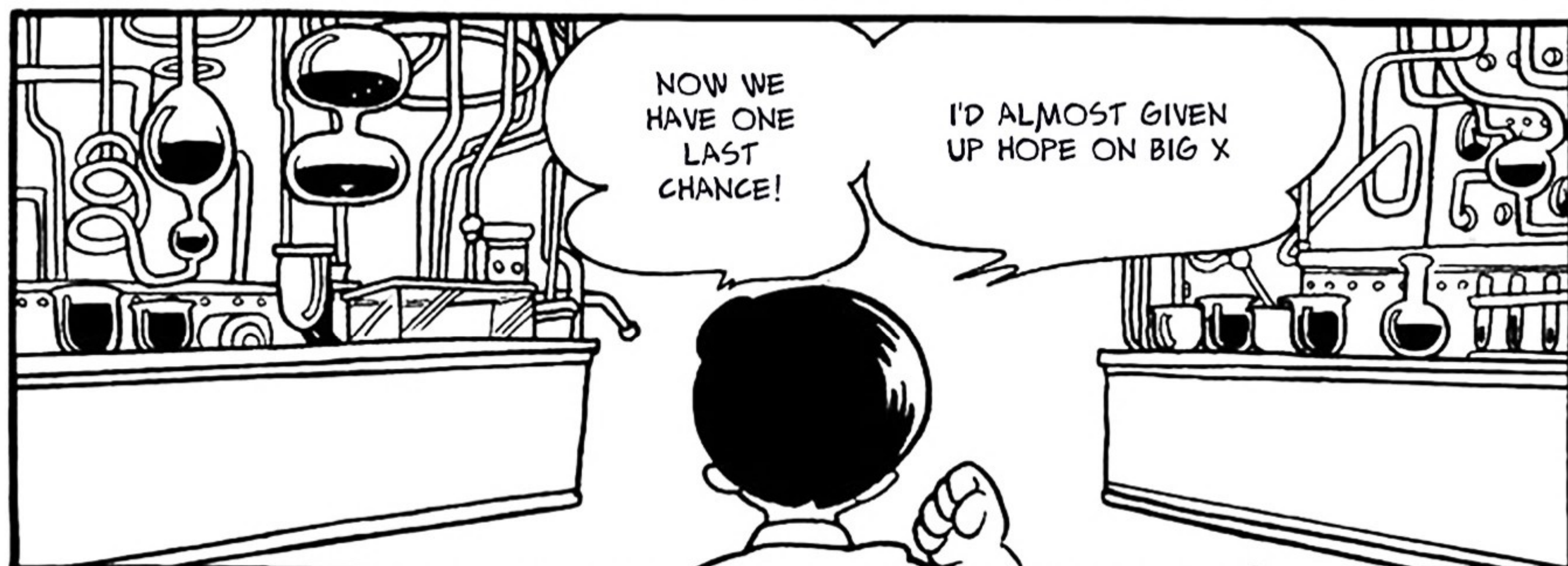

OH!
THIS IS MY FRIEND, NINA. SHE'S LIKE MY SISTER.


AH, THERE'S ALSO A DIARY AND RECORDS IN THE SAFE


YOUR DAD'S ROOM HAS BEEN LEFT UNTOUCHED. COME ON AKIRA.
DAD'S RESEARCH PAPERS ARE ALL STILL HERE?
THANK GOODNESS!

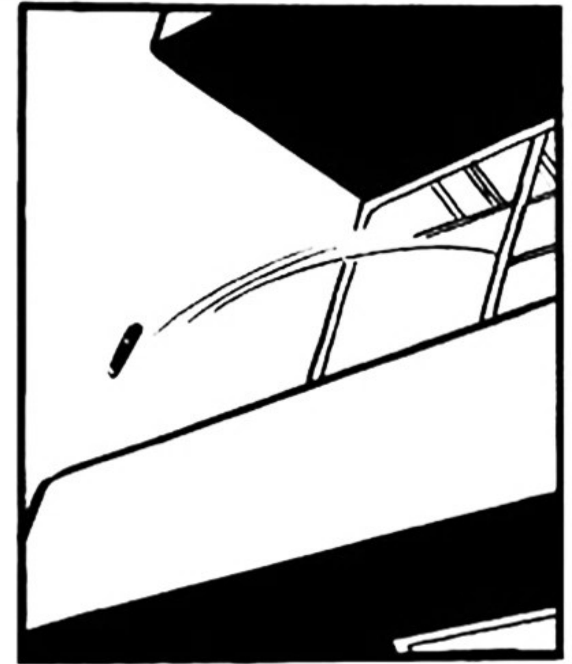

OH WOW! THAT'S GREAT!
WITH ALL THE INFORMATION FROM THESE RECORDS, I'M SURE WE CAN MAKE THE DRUG!


NINA, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS... IT'S NOTES ON THE FORUMLA!


NOW WE HAVE ONE LAST CHANCE!
I'D ALMOST GIVEN UP HOPE ON BIG X


JUST WATCH! I'LL MAKE SURE TO MAKE IT RIGHT!
BIG X IS IN OUR HANDS


THIS ....
I DON'T NEED IT ANY MORE




OW


A WEIRD PEN FELL ON MY HEAD
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?

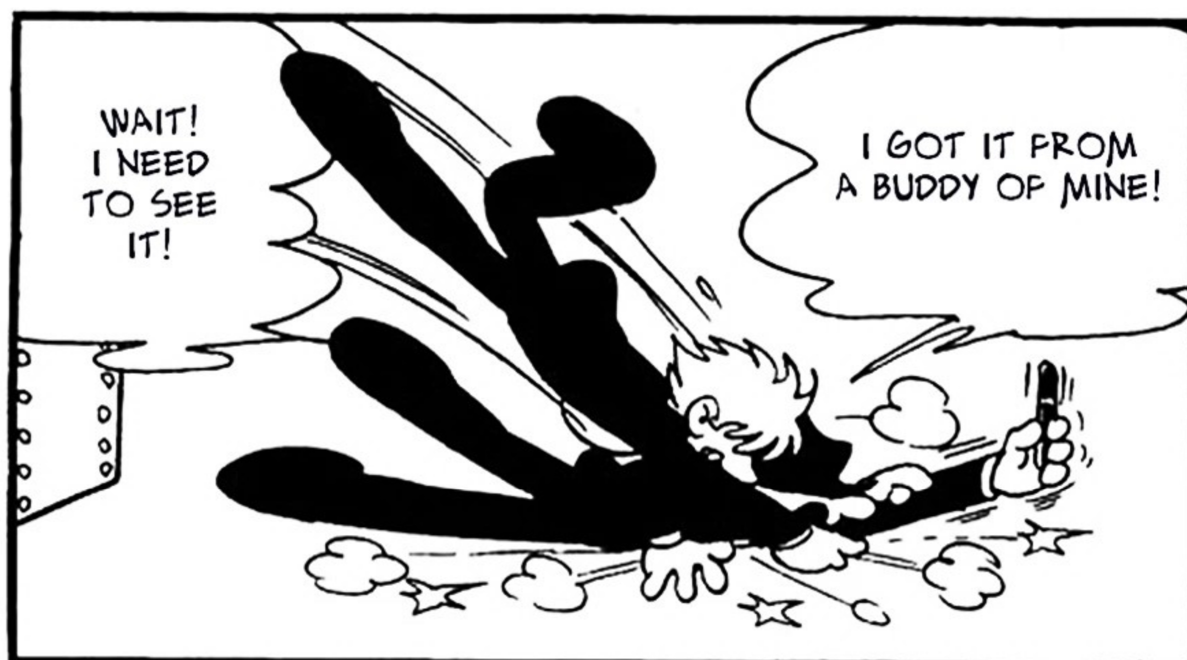

WAIT!
THAT'S MINE CUZ I GOT HIT WITH IT!
WHATEVER.... IT'S MINE NOW!
THIS IS GREAT!


HEHEHE THIS IS PURTY HIGH END STUFF




WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY AREN'T YOU REPORTING IN?
YOW!
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WHERE'S BIG X?
I WENT TO THE DAD'S LABORATORY .....


WAIT! I NEED TO SEE IT!
I GOT IT FROM A BUDDY OF MINE!


WHERE'D YOU GET THAT PEN?


OH! HOW FORTUNATE IT IS THAT THE PEN IS BACK IN MY HANDS!
I'M NOT DREAMING! IT REALLY IS THE BIG X PEN!

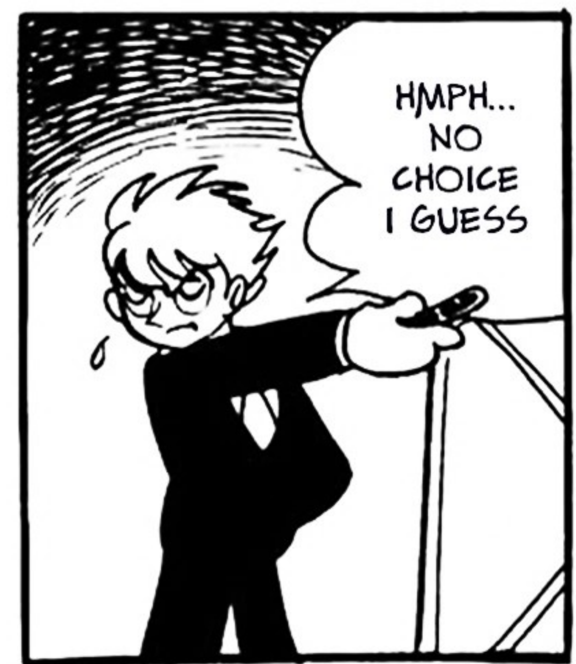

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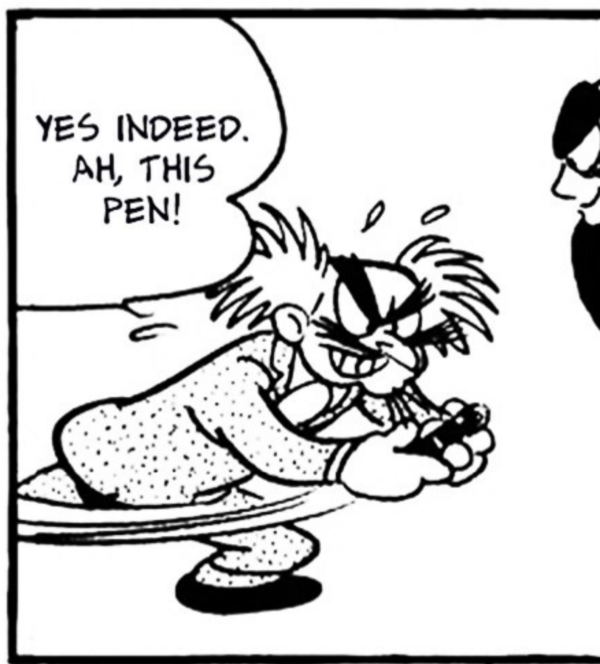


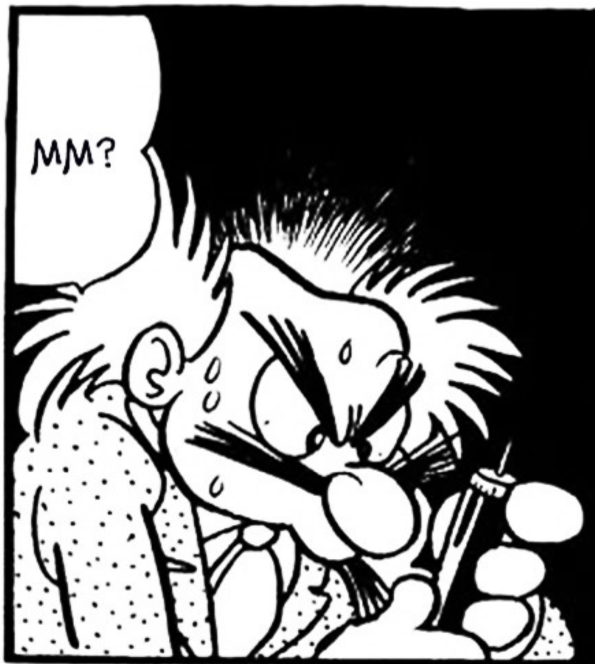

LISTEN TO ME. YOU KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT ABOUT THIS! DON'T TELL ANYONE! IF YOU DO YOU'LL REGRET IT!


I HEARD YOU MENTION THE BIG X PEN. I HOPE YOU ARE NOT HIDING IT.
HANS, EH? I'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT YOU FROM THIS GENTLEMAN

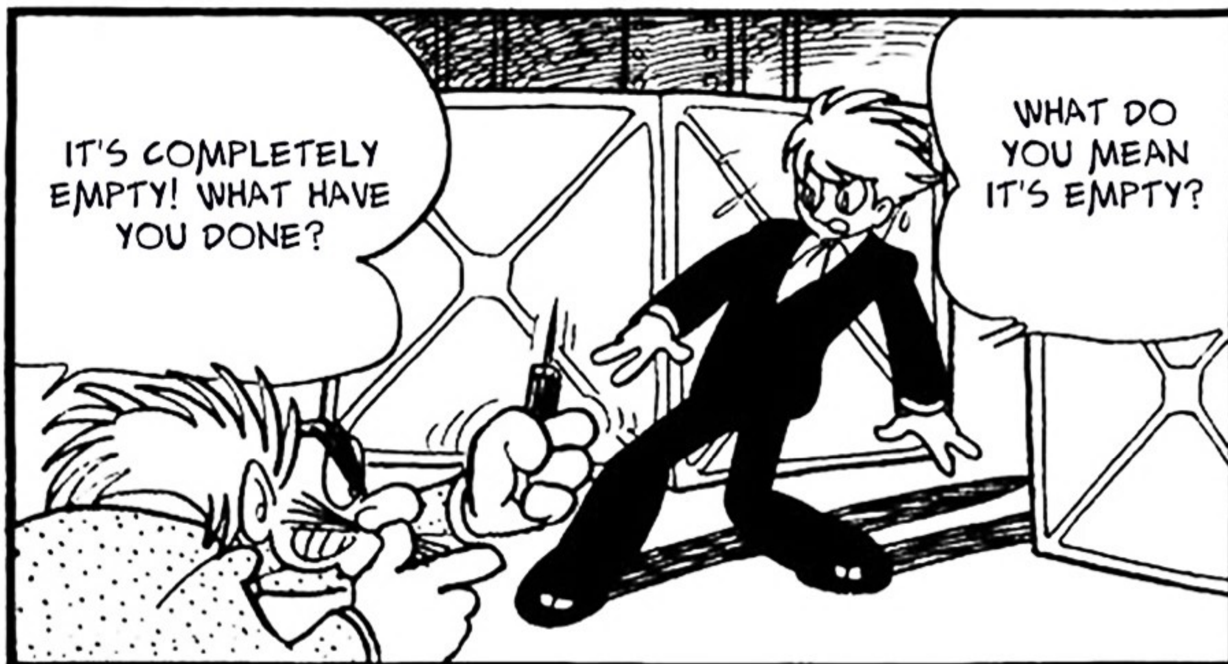

WHAT DO YOU HAVE THERE, HANS?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
DON'T PLAY DUMB. SHOW US THE PEN

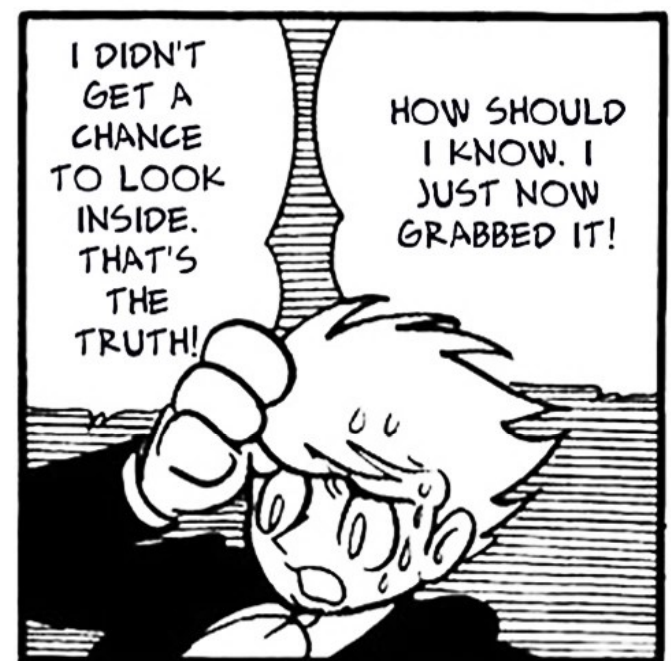

HMPH...
NO CHOICE I GUESS

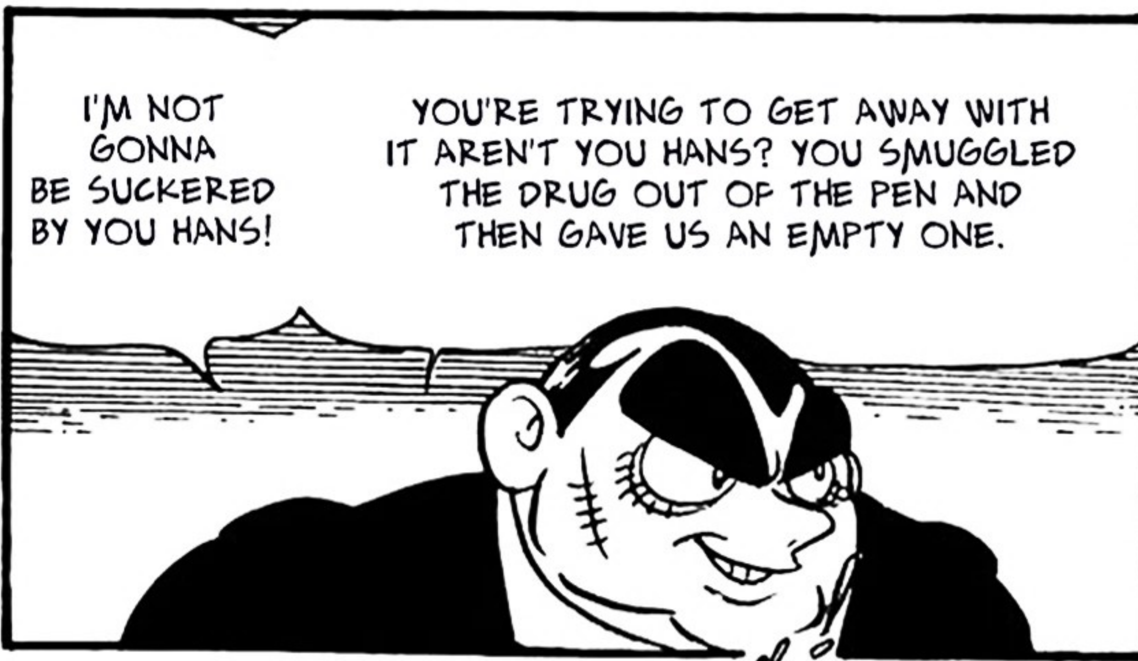

YES INDEED. AH, THIS PEN!


MM?


THERE'S NOTHING IN THERE! IT'S EMPTY!

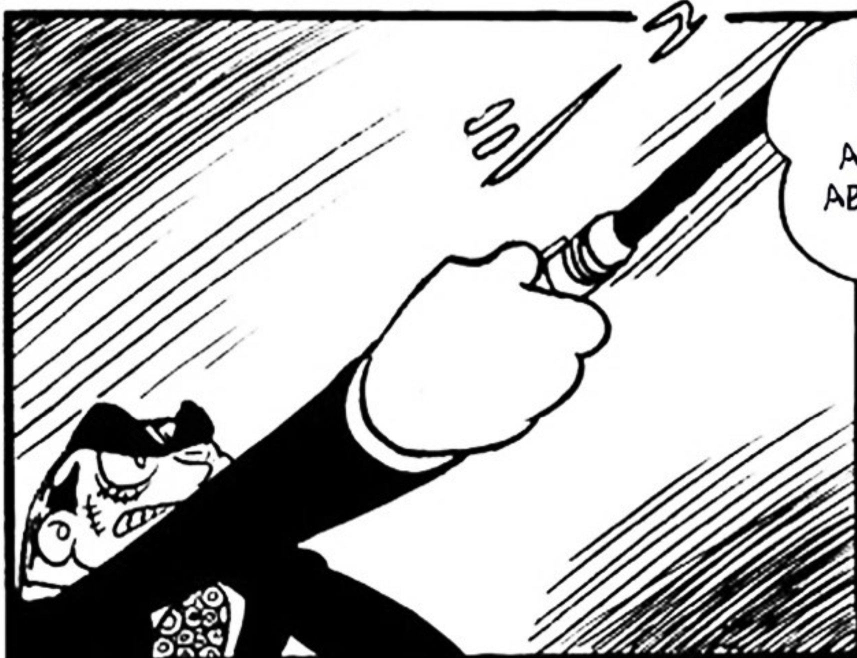

WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT'S EMPTY?
IT'S COMPLETELY EMPTY! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

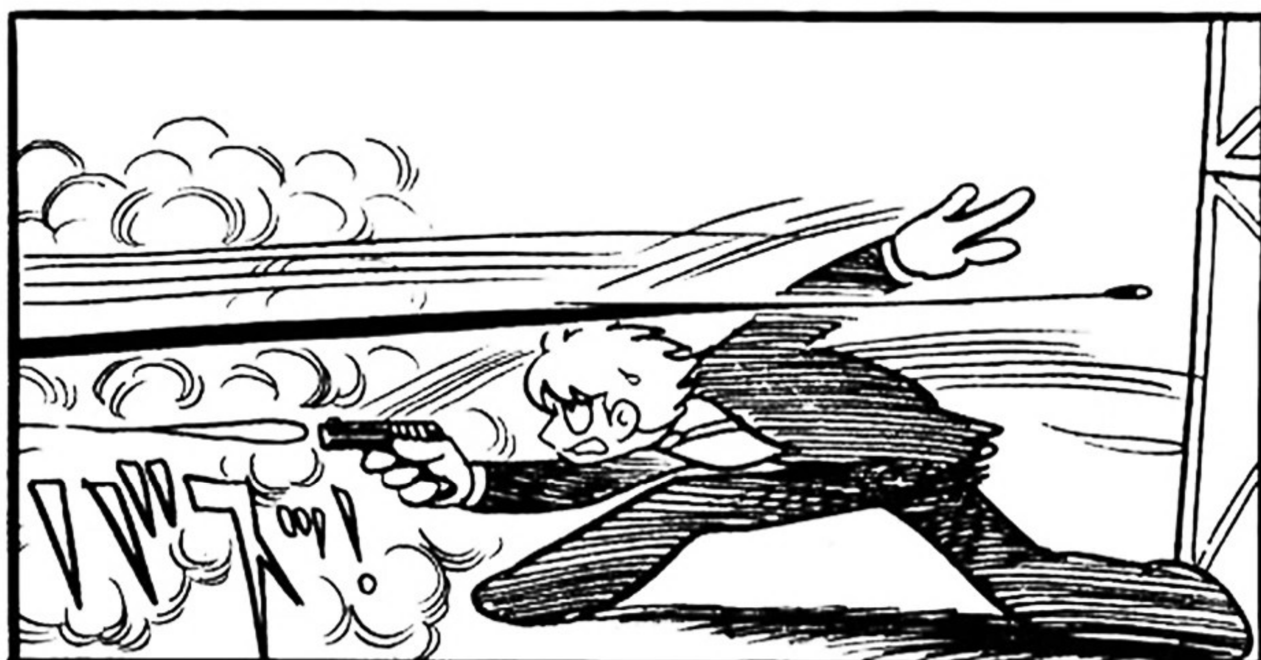

HOW SHOULD I KNOW. I JUST NOW GRABBED IT!
I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO LOOK INSIDE. THAT'S THE TRUTH!

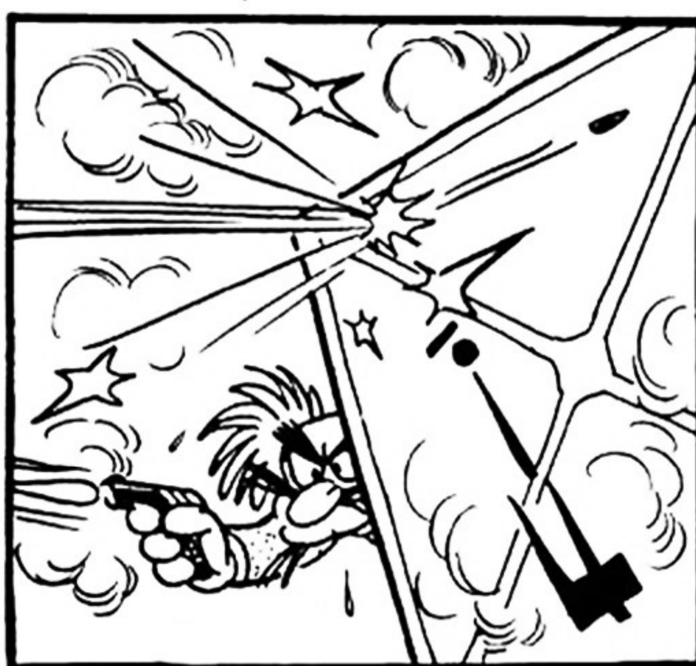

YOU'RE TRYING TO GET AWAY WITH IT AREN'T YOU HANS? YOU SMUGGLED THE DRUG OUT OF THE PEN AND THEN GAVE US AN EMPTY ONE.
I'M NOT GONNA BE SUCKERED BY YOU HANS!

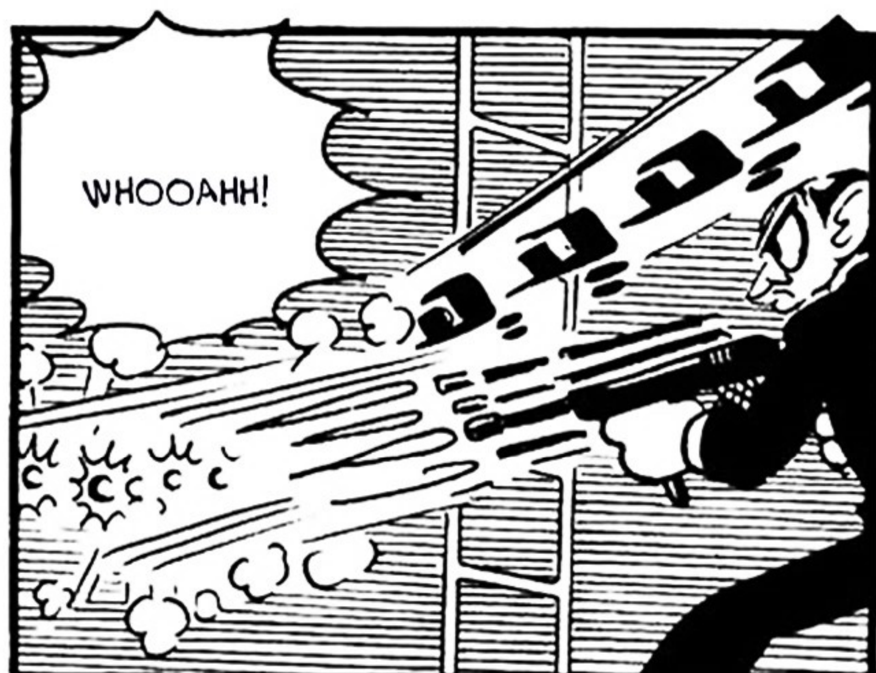

I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE A RAT!


THAT'S NOT TRUE! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE DRUG!



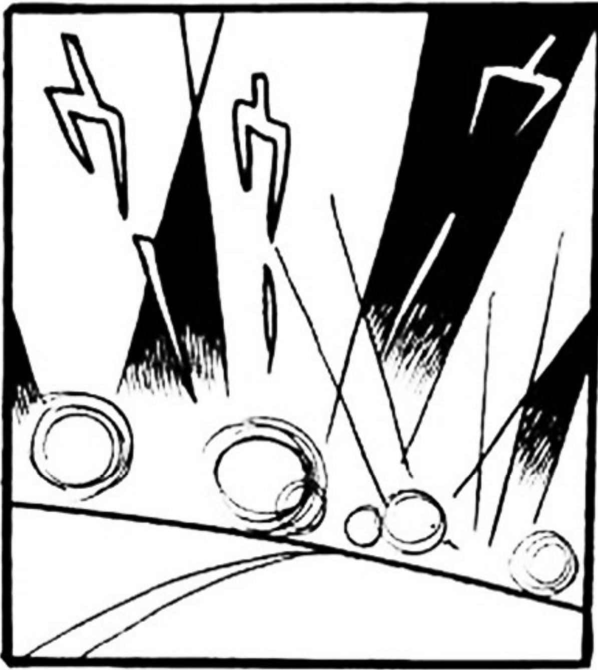






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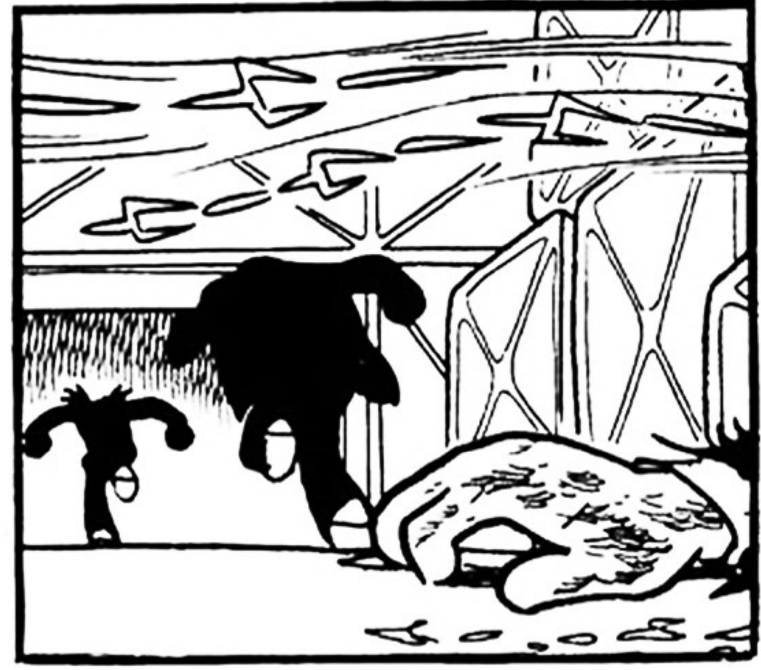
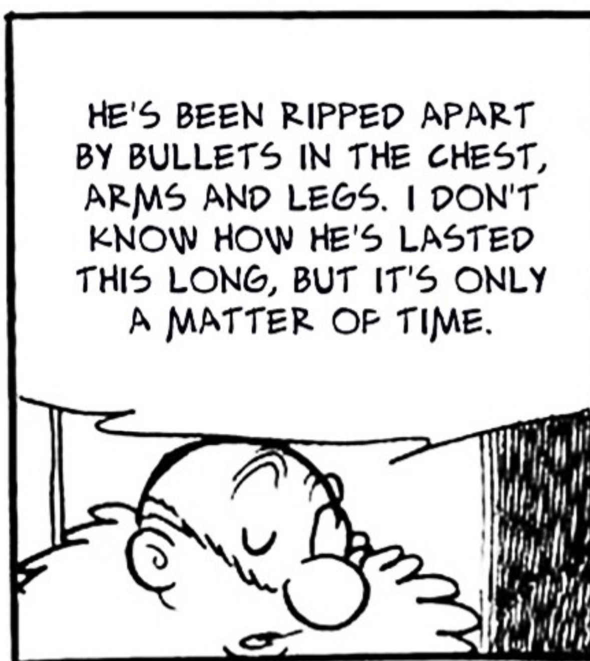






IT'S THE COPS!





HE'S BEEN RIPPED APART BY BULLETS IN THE CHEST, ARMS AND LEGS. I DON'T KNOW HOW HE'S LASTED THIS LONG, BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.

DOCTOR. HOW'S HE DOING?

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MY... NAME...
HANS...
...ENGEL...


I'VE COME TO JAPAN... TO GET SOMETHING... BACK. I... I DON'T WANT TO... DIE... WITHOUT IT. PLEASE HELP ME

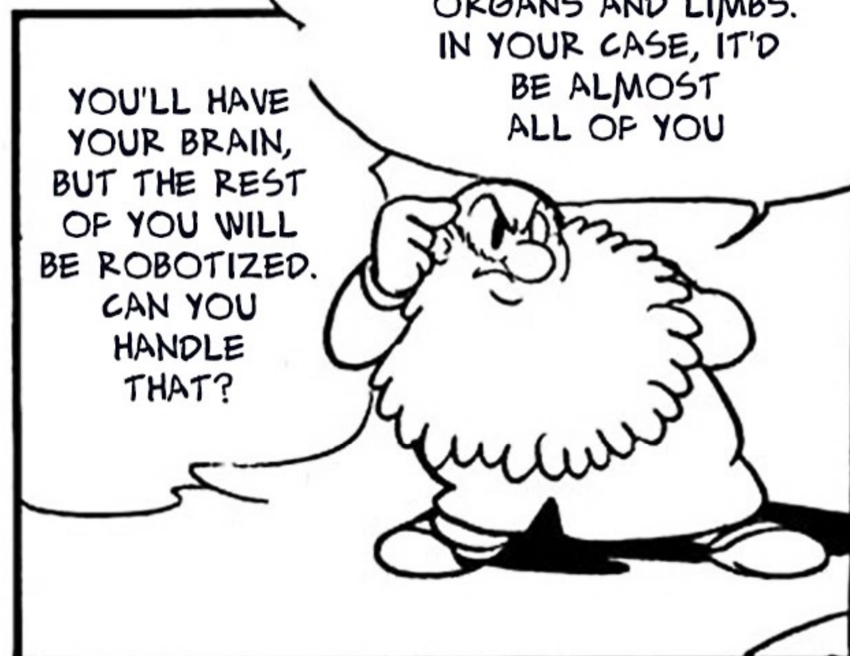

I... I DON'T WANT... TO DIE... I CAN'T DIE! DOCTOR, I NEED... YOUR HELP

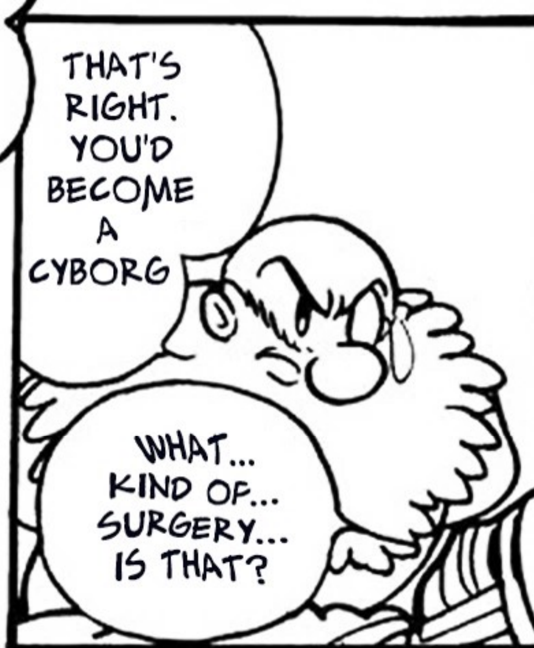

DOCTOR... AM I... GOING... TO DIE?


THE ONLY PART OF YOUR BODY THAT HASN'T BEEN HIT IS YOUR BRAIN
NO MATTER WHAT, YOUR BODY IS DONE FOR. I CAN PERFORM CYBORG SURGERY ON YOU. DO YOU WANT THAT?


DO YOU REALLY WANT TO BE SAVED?


DOCTOR, YOU SEEM TO HAVE A LOT ON YOUR MIND

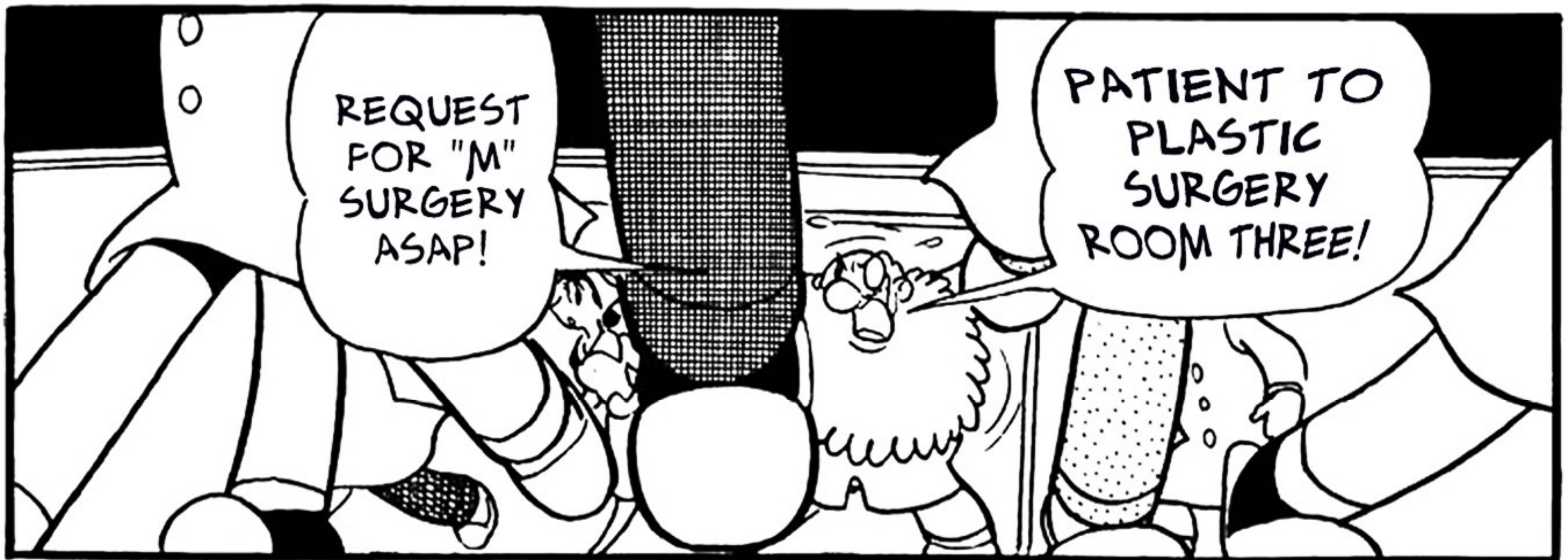

WE'D REPLACE SOME BODY PARTS WITH ARTIFICIAL ORGANS AND LIMBS. IN YOUR CASE, IT'D BE ALMOST ALL OF YOU
YOU'LL HAVE YOUR BRAIN, BUT THE REST OF YOU WILL BE ROBOTIZED. CAN YOU HANDLE THAT?

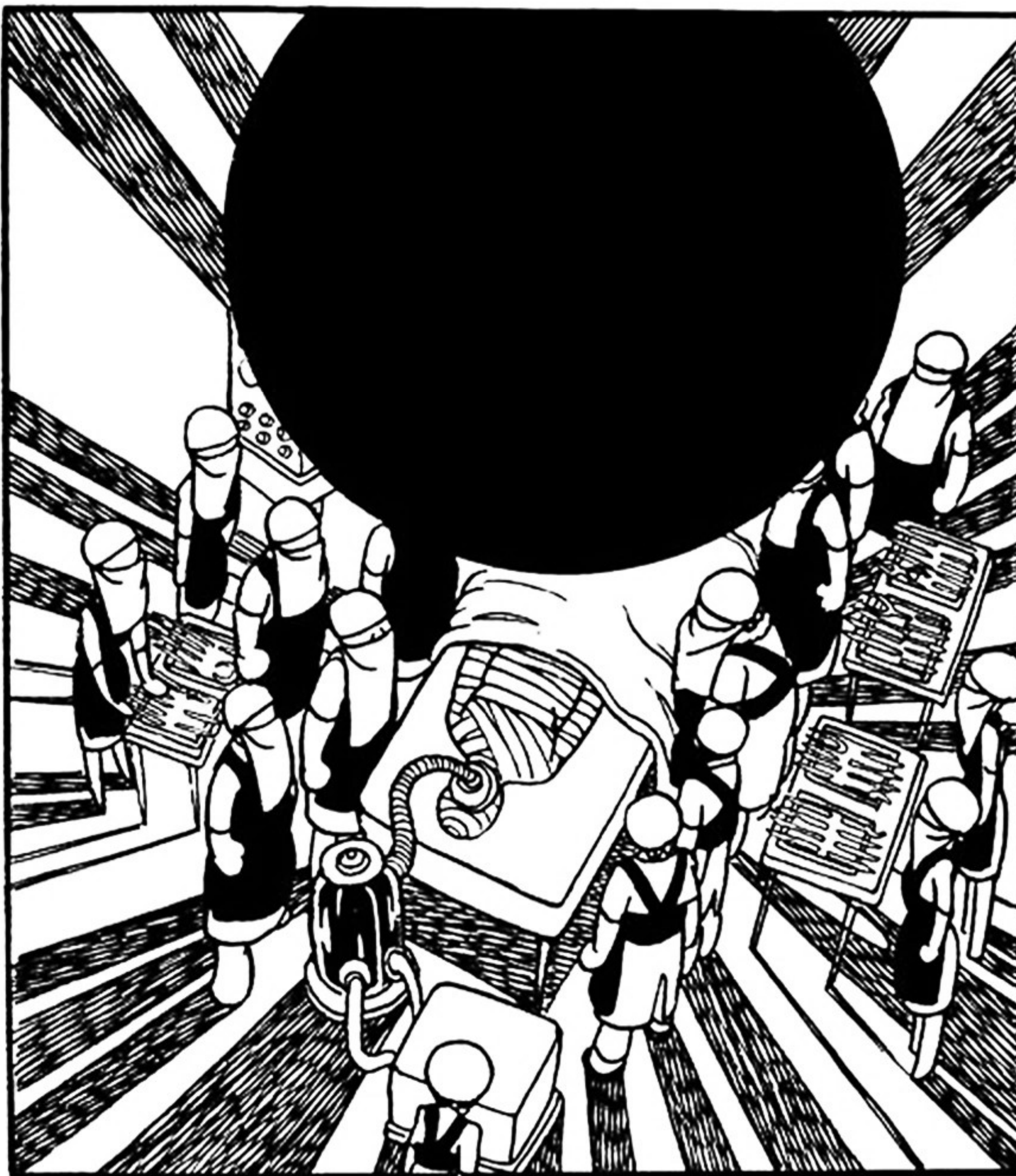

THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'D BECOME A CYBORG
WHAT... KIND OF... SURGERY... IS THAT?

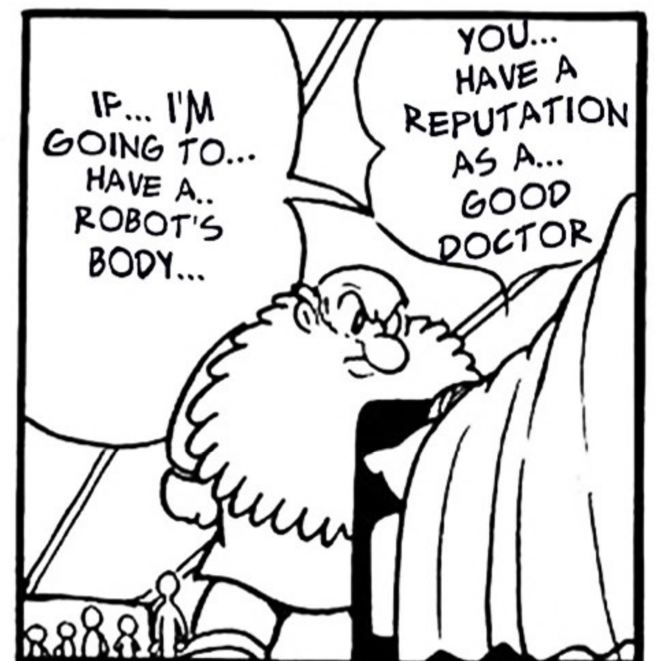

CY.. BORG ?


CHIEF, THIS IS THE FIRST MAJOR SURGERY OF ITS KIND IN JAPAN. SO I'M NOT SURE IF IT'LL BE A SUCCESS. BUT LET'S GIVE IT A TRY.


IF IT HELPS.... THEN YES... I'M... GOING TO DIE... ANYWAY...

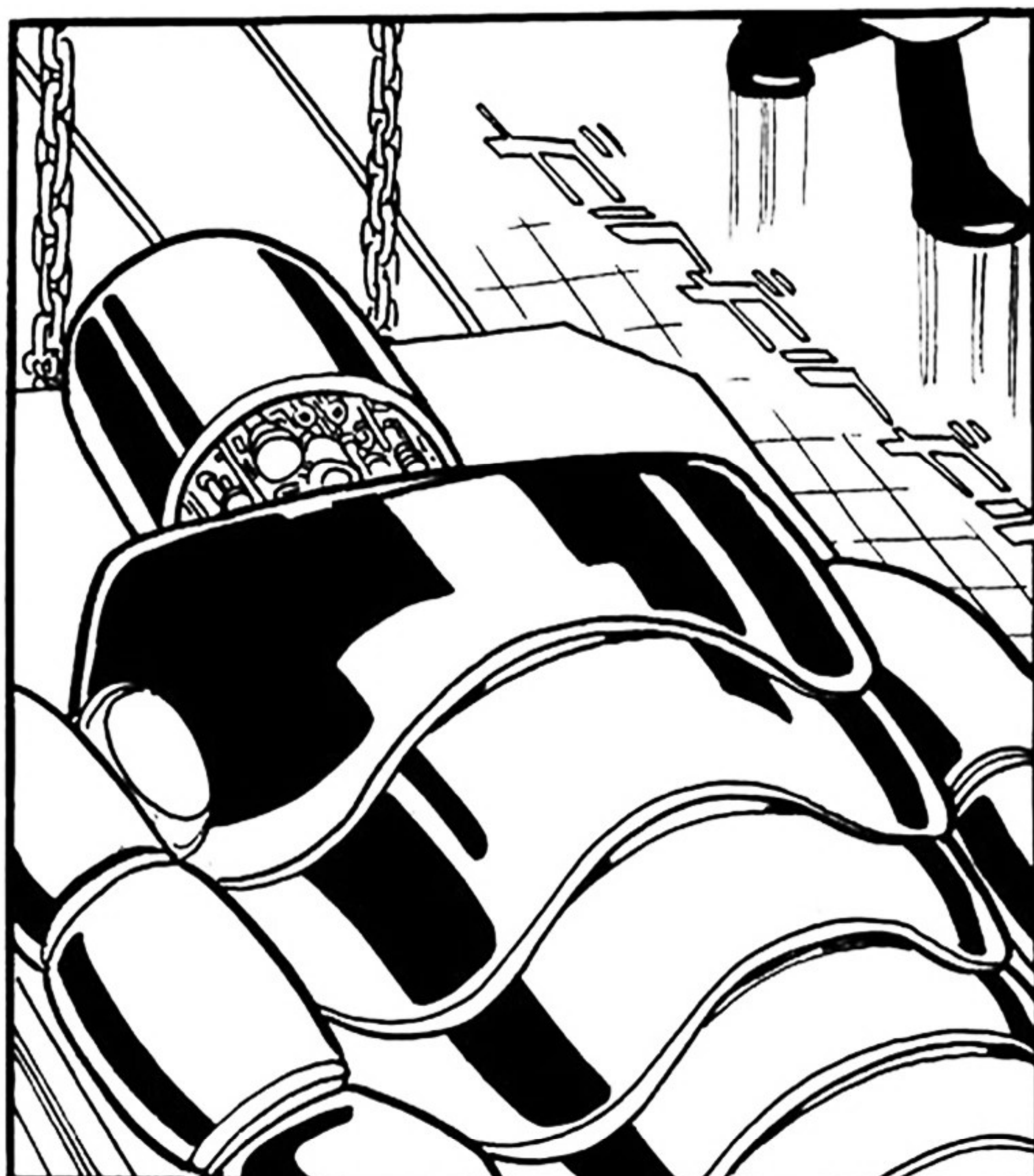

PATIENT TO PLASTIC SURGERY ROOM THREE!
REQUEST FOR "M" SURGERY ASAP!




YOU... HAVE A REPUTATION AS A... GOOD DOCTOR
IF... I'M GOING TO... HAVE A.. ROBOT'S BODY...

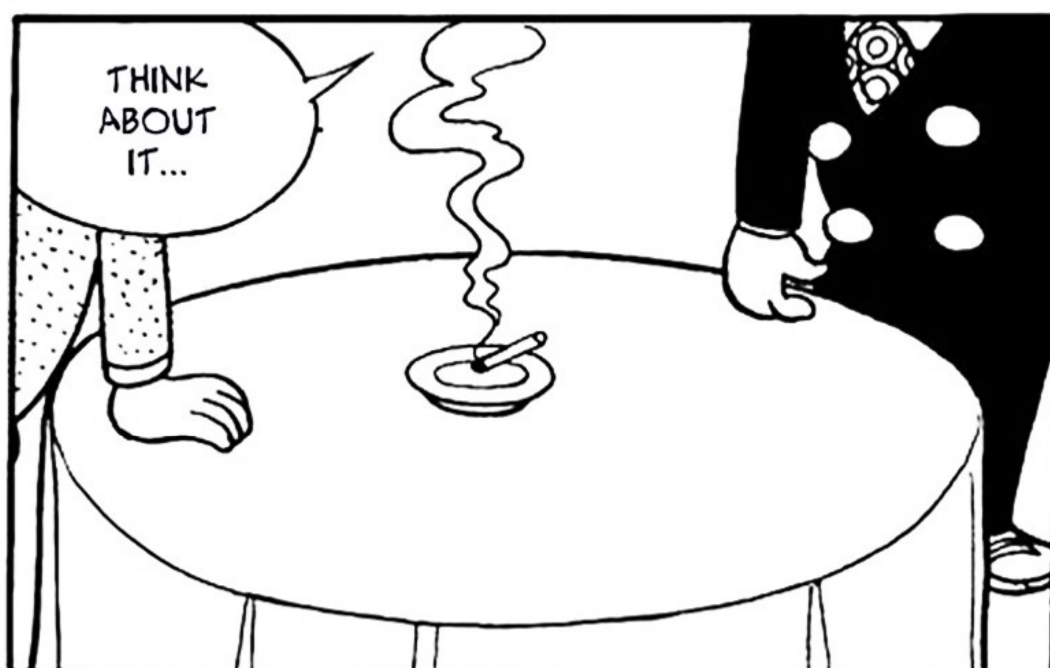

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PLEASE... MAKE THE... BODY... GIGANTIC... YES... IT NEEDS... TO BE.. HUGE...


ANESTHESIA .... SCALPEL ....
♀♂∞+!




GET ME THE MODEL "M" BODY ....


IF THE PEN DIDN'T HAVE ANY MORE OF THE DRUG IN IT, MAYBE THAT'S WHY BIG X THEW IT AWAY

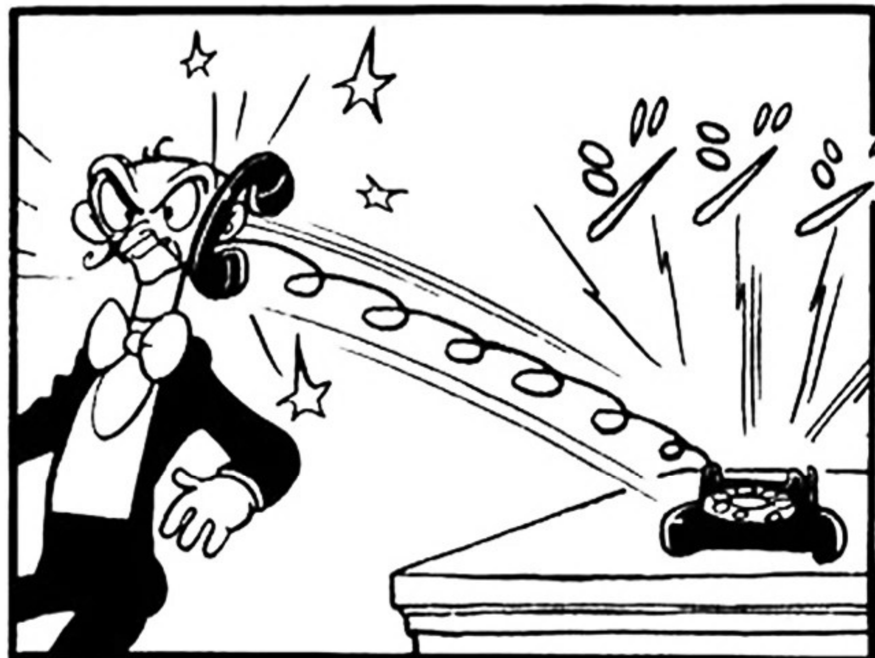

THINK ABOUT IT...


SO MAYBE BIG X WENT BACK HOME TO MAKE MORE OF THE DRUG


THAT WOULD EXPLAIN IT


YES, THAT IS A GOOD POINT



HELLO? FROM NEW YORK?


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YEAH... YEAH... YES SIR

IT'S FROM NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS

WHAT DID THEY WANT?
IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU. IT'S SOME-THING ELSE.

DID H.Q. ASK ABOUT US?
NO

YES.... THE WORLD WAR IS ABOUT TO BEGIN
SERIOUSLY? WE'RE CARRYING OUT THE PLAN TOMORROW?

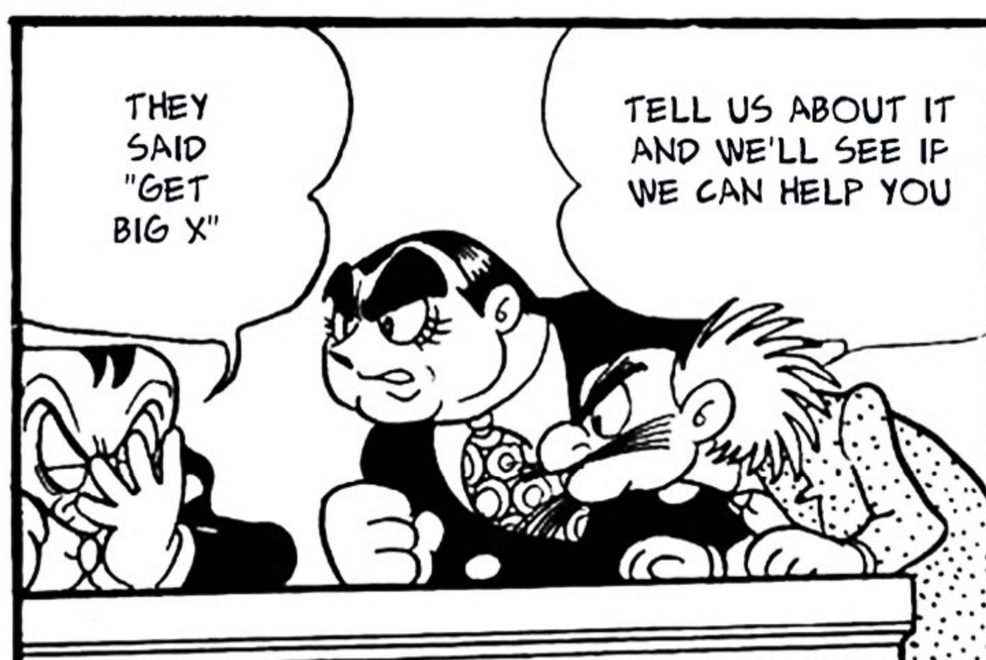
WAH.. WHAT??

WE'VE DECIDED TO DO IT TOMORROW


AND IF THE ORDER ISN'T COMPLETED, THEY WON'T LET US ON THE ROCKET.


THE NEW YORK H.Q. HAS GIVEN THE JAPANESE BRANCH HERE AN OUTRAGEOUS ORDER...
THAT'S FINE! BEFORE IT STARTS, I'M GONNA JUMP ON THE FIRST ROCKET OUT OF HERE.



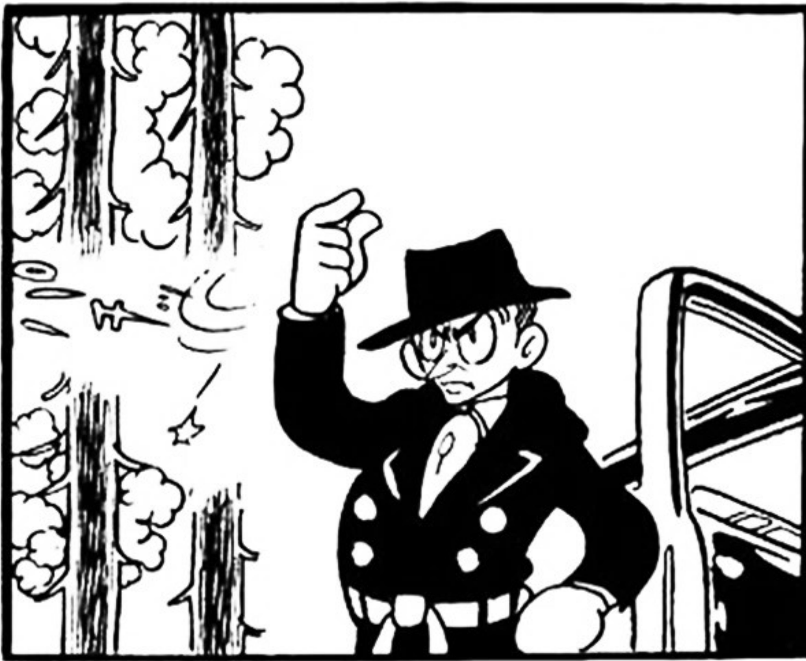

THEY SAID "GET BIG X"
TELL US ABOUT IT AND WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN HELP YOU


WHAT IS THE ORDER?

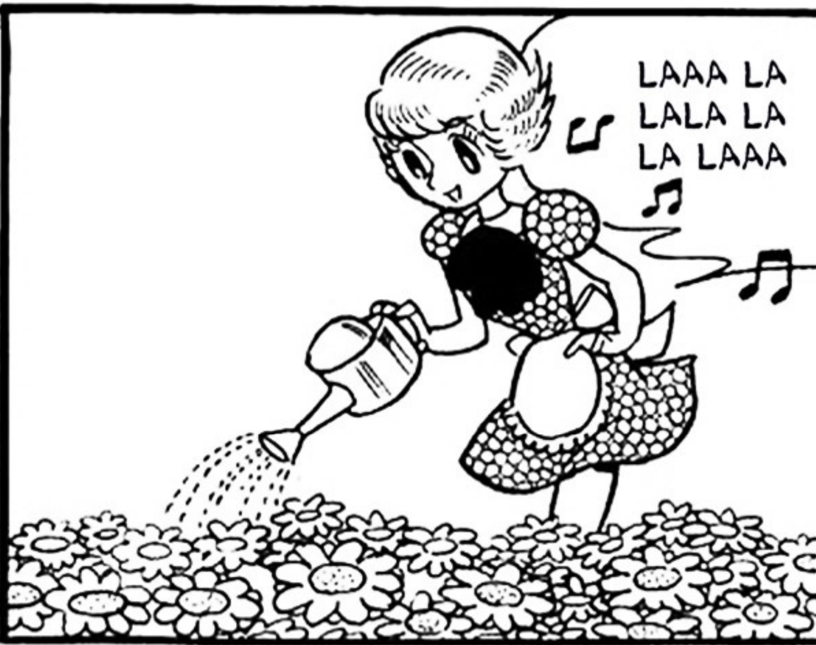
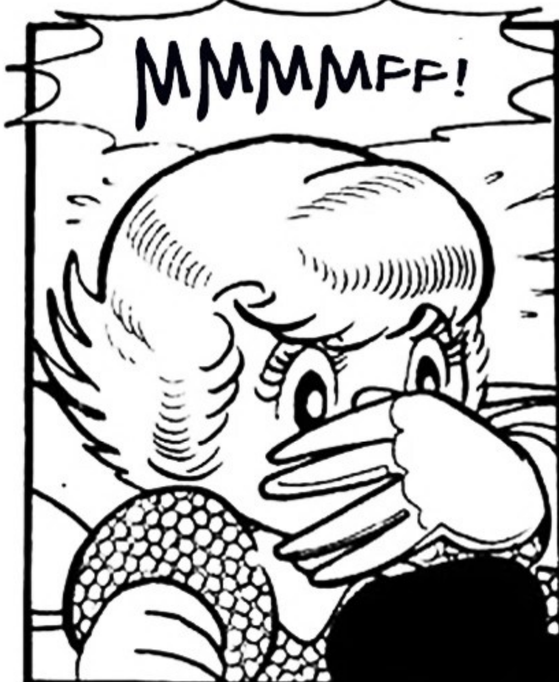



NO! THERE'S NO WAY!


IT HAS TO BE DONE. EVEN IF IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE. THAT'S THE RULE OF THE CROSS PARTY
LET'S GET STARTED







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LALA LA
LA LAAA

MMMMFF!

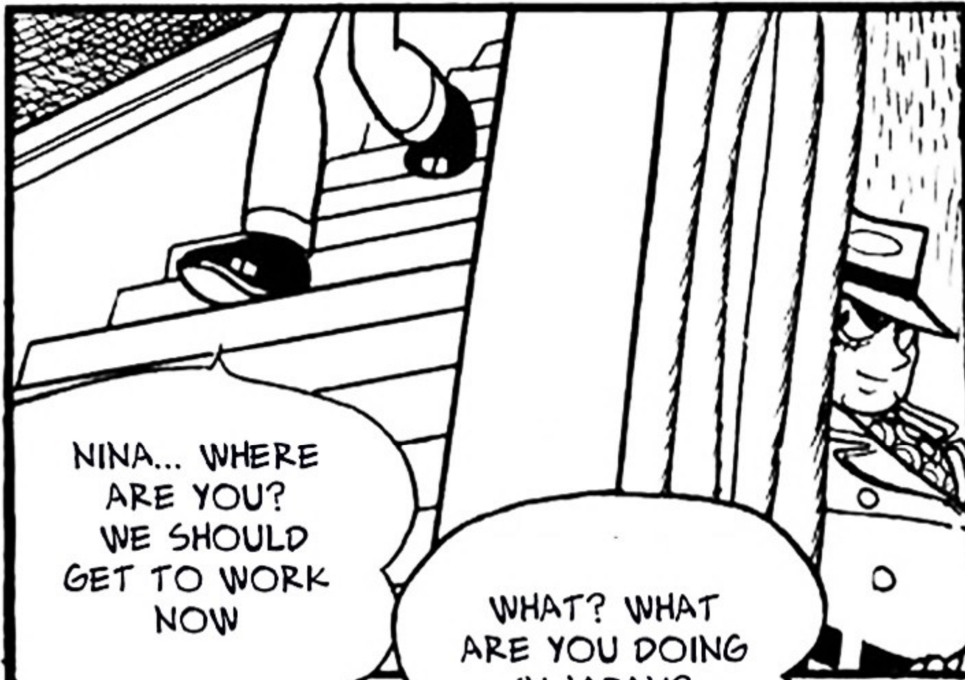
WHO'S THERE?
OH!

THAT'S ODD, WHY CAN'T I HEAR THE BIRDS?

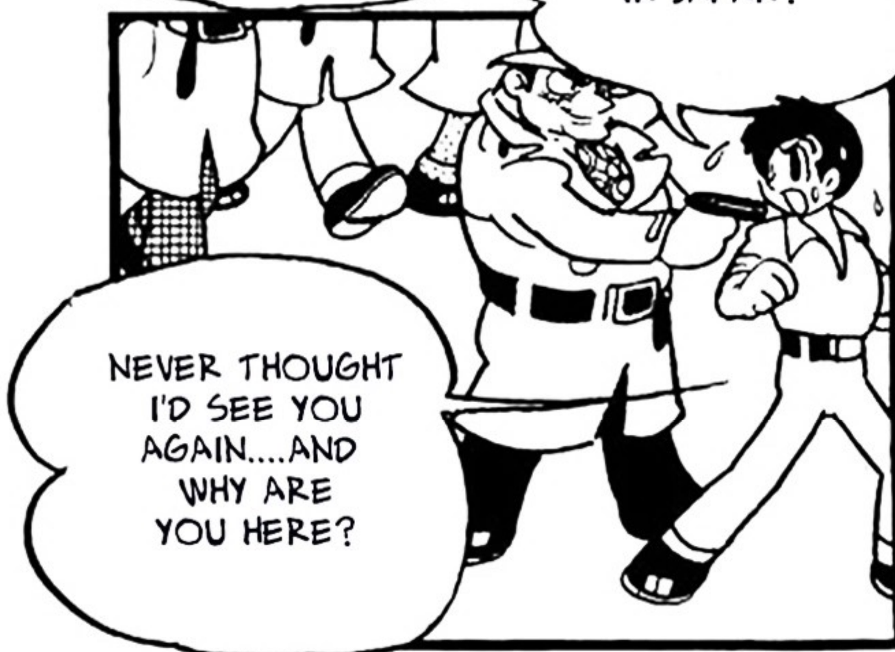

MMMM!
MMMFF
MMMF!


CAREFUL! SHE'S THE TELEPATHIC GIRL. IT'S SAFER IF WE KNOCK HER OUT.


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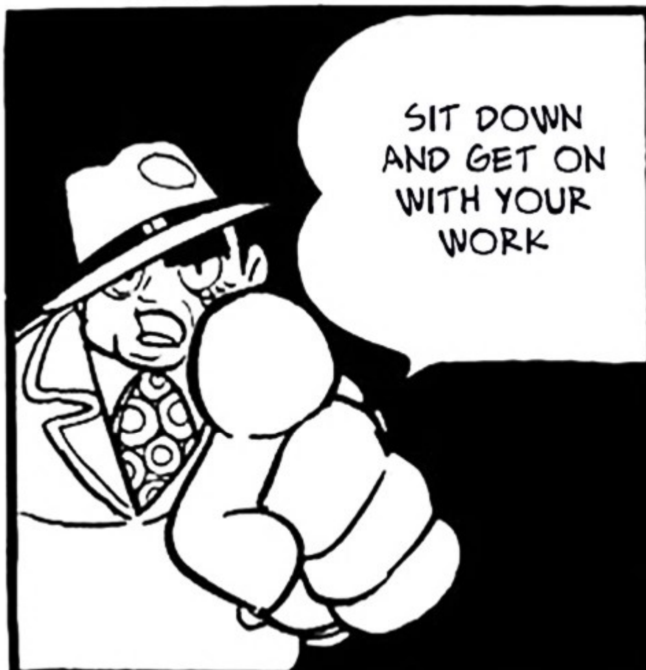

NINA... WHERE ARE YOU? WE SHOULD GET TO WORK NOW

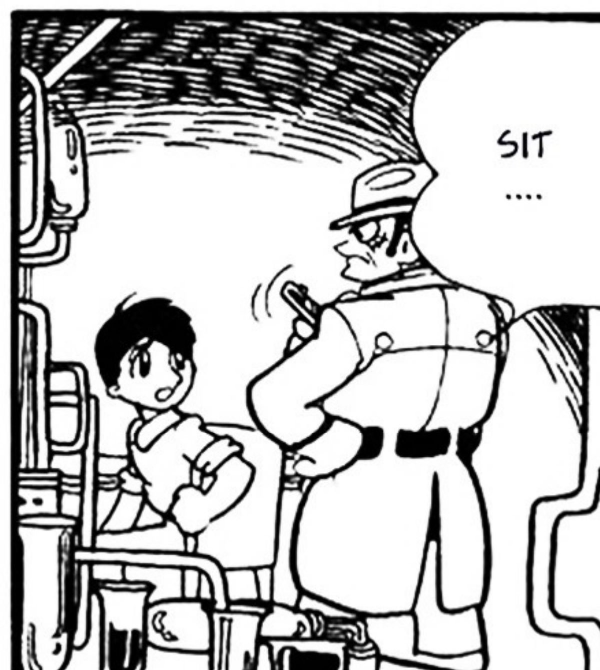

THERE!

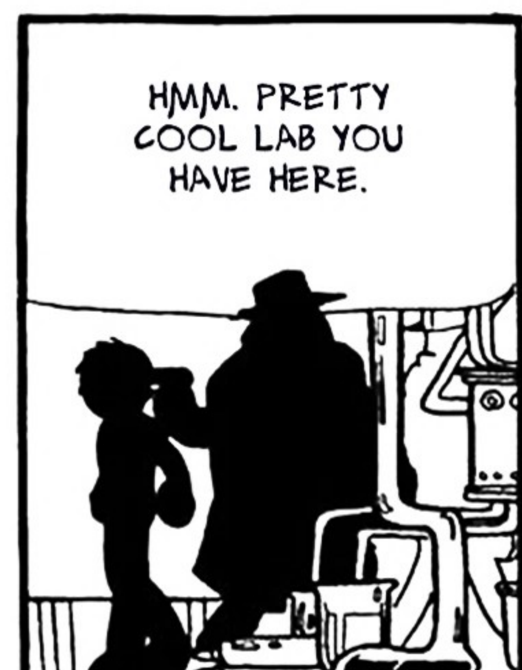

WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN JAPAN?
NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU AGAIN....AND WHY ARE YOU HERE?


EVEN WITHOUT NINA YOU CAN KEEP ON WITH YOUR WORK


DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT IT


SIT DOWN AND GET ON WITH YOUR WORK


SIT ....


HMM. PRETTY COOL LAB YOU HAVE HERE.

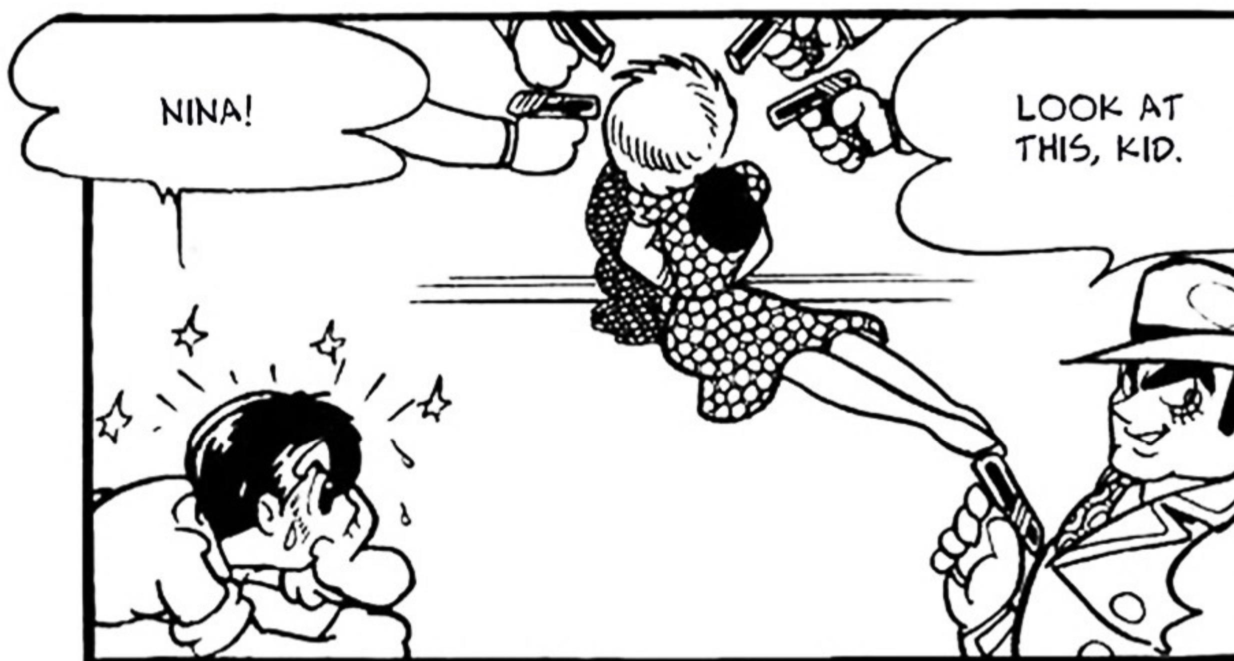

OH! THAT! HEHEHEH
WELL, WE HAVEN'T MADE IT BEFORE AND UNFORTUNATELY IT'S NOT FINISHED YET


BIG X!!


WHAT WORK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


I CAN'T DO THAT! WE'RE NOT BAKING A CAKE HERE!

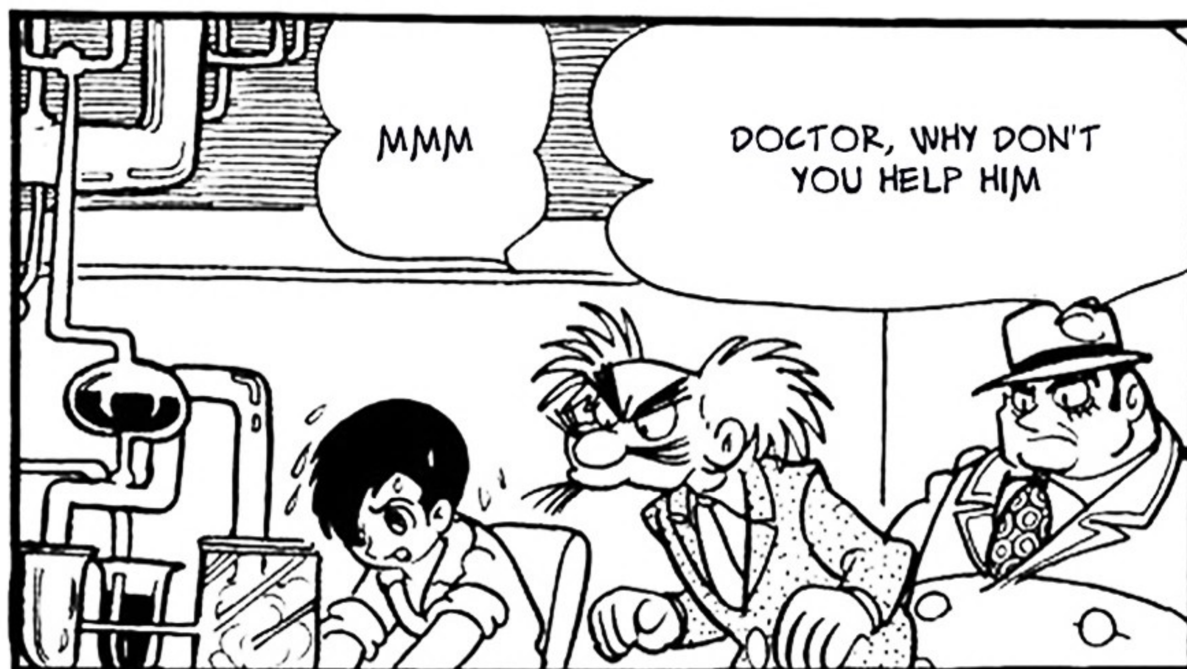

WELL THEN WORK HARDER AND GET IT FINISHED NOW!
YEAH, YOU BETTER BE DONE BY TOMORROW

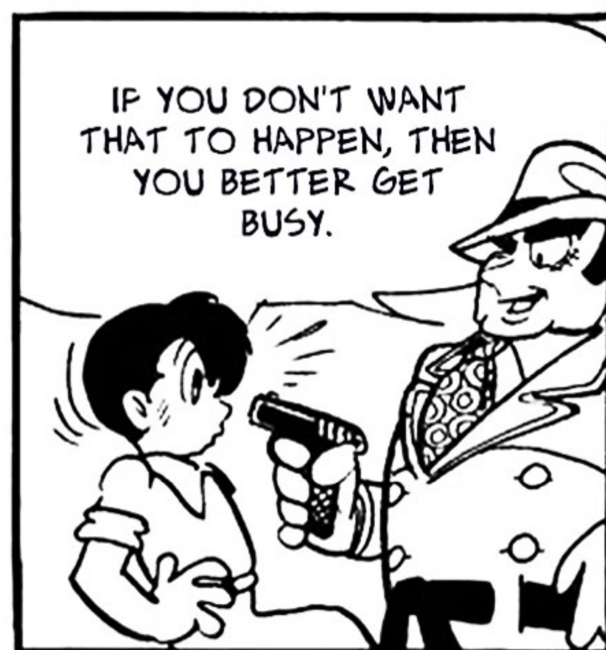

LOOK AT THIS, KID.
NINA!




WHAT THE... HOW DARE YOU THREATEN NINA ....


IF IT'S NOT FINISHED BY TOMORROW, SHE'S GONNA BE FLYING AWAY TO HEAVEN.


DOCTOR, WHY DON'T YOU HELP HIM
MMM


IF YOU DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN, THEN YOU BETTER GET BUSY.


HUH?


LOOK, I KNOW YOU DON'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT THIS .....
THE U.S. AND SOVIET UNION ARE GOING TO START A WAR TOMORROW AT MIDNIGHT


WE HAVE TO GET OFF OF THE PLANET BEFORE THEN. AND OF COURSE WE HAVE TO GET AHOLD OF THE BIG X DRUG


AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THE WORLD WILL BE FILLED WITH A RAIN OF HYDROGEN BOMBS

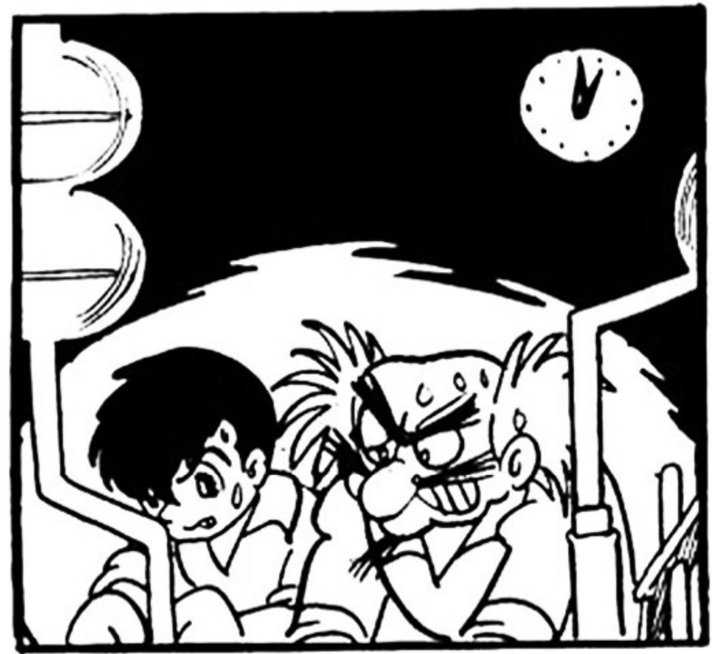



ALL OF MY WORST FEARS ARE COMING TRUE


A WAR STARTING AT MIDNIGHT TOMORROW? NO!!

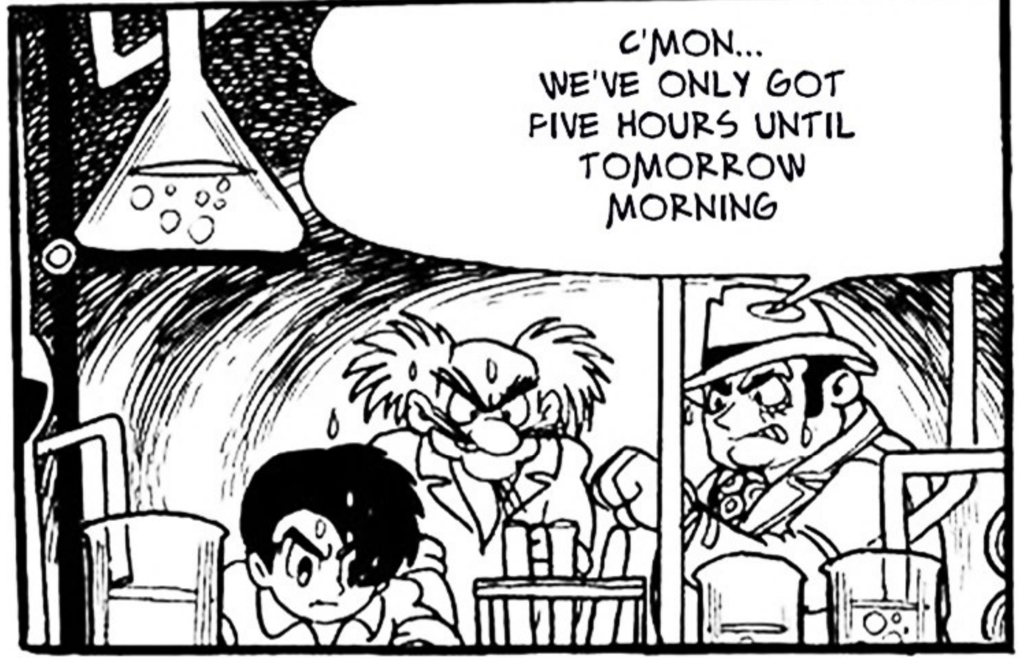

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HERE YOU GO... WATER!


I NEED A DRINK OF WATER

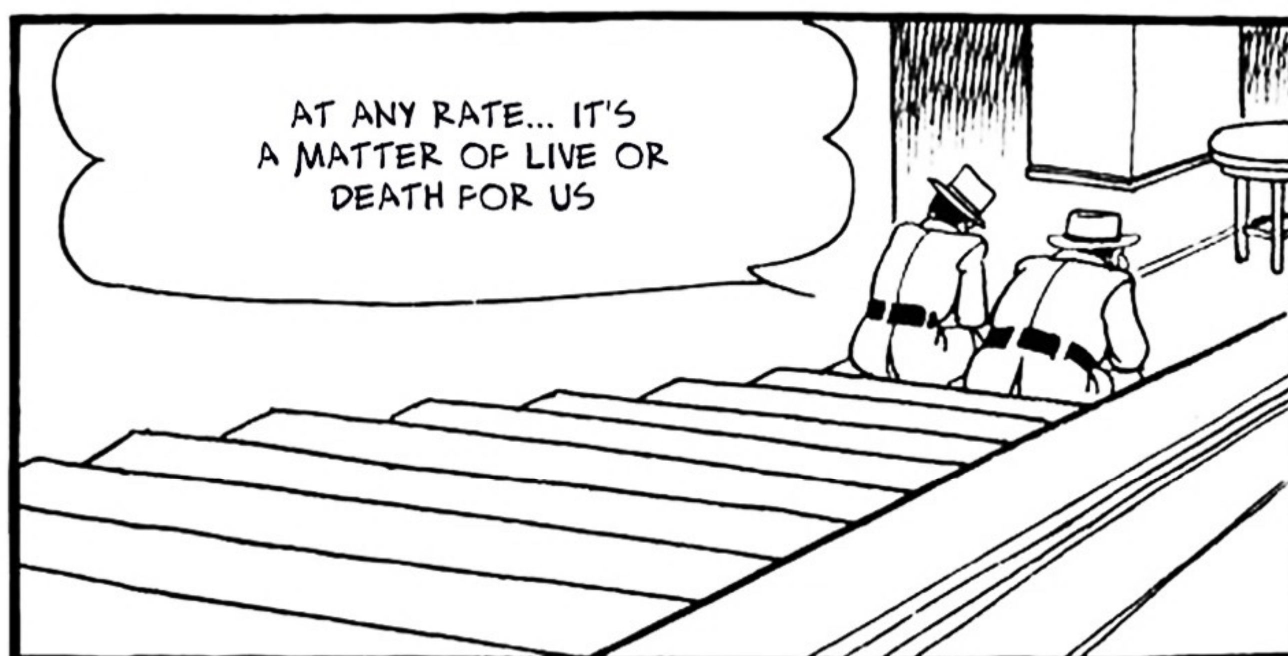

C'MON... WE'VE ONLY GOT FIVE HOURS UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING



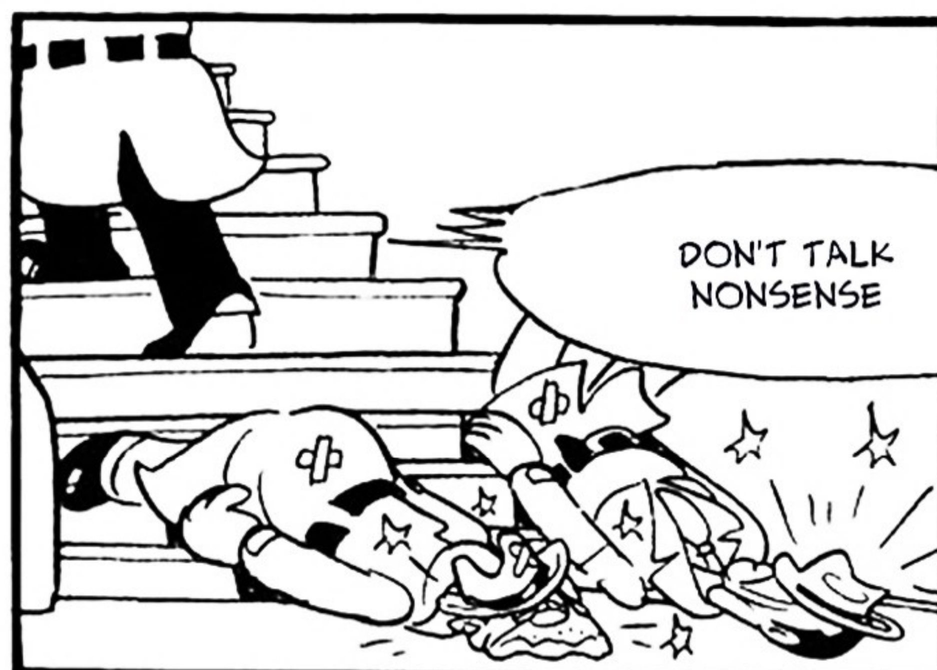

DON'T SLOW DOWN SO MUCH!

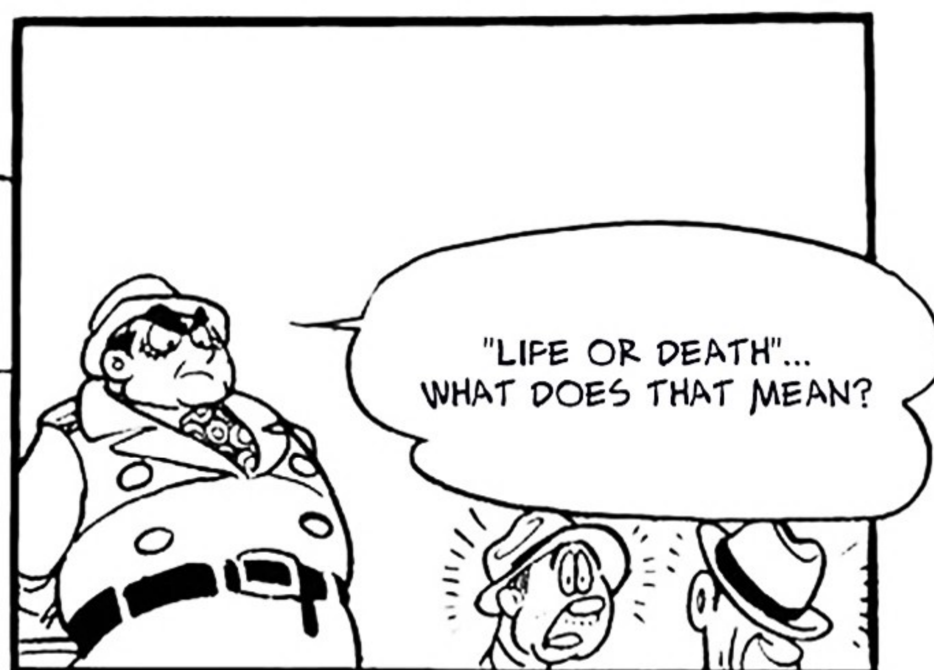

WELL, THEN WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET ON THE ROCKET

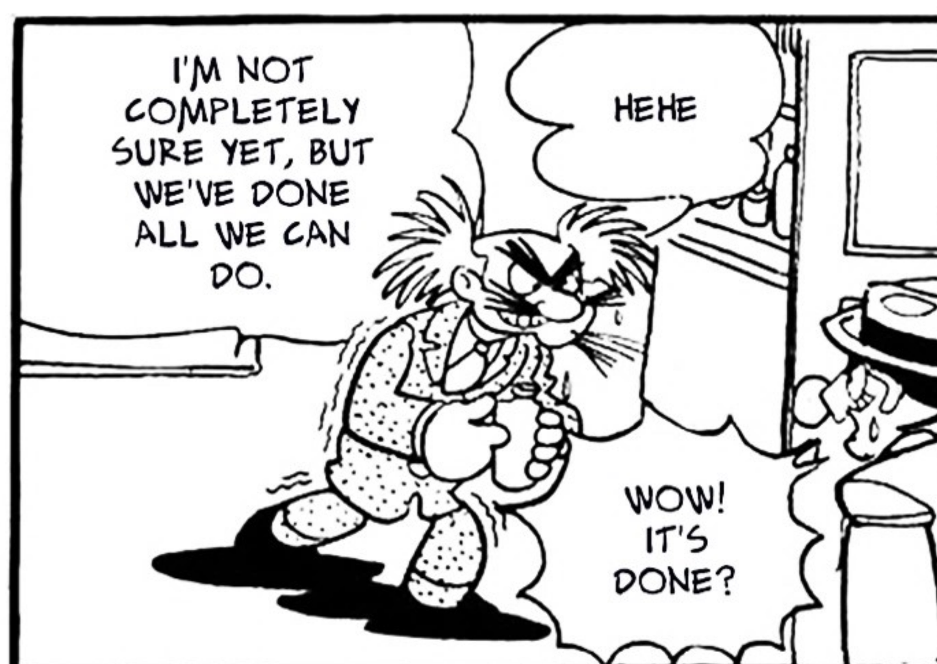

MAYBE THEY CAN'T MAKE THE BIG X DRUG
THIS IS GONNA TAKE FOREVER... AND IT'S ALMOST DAWN

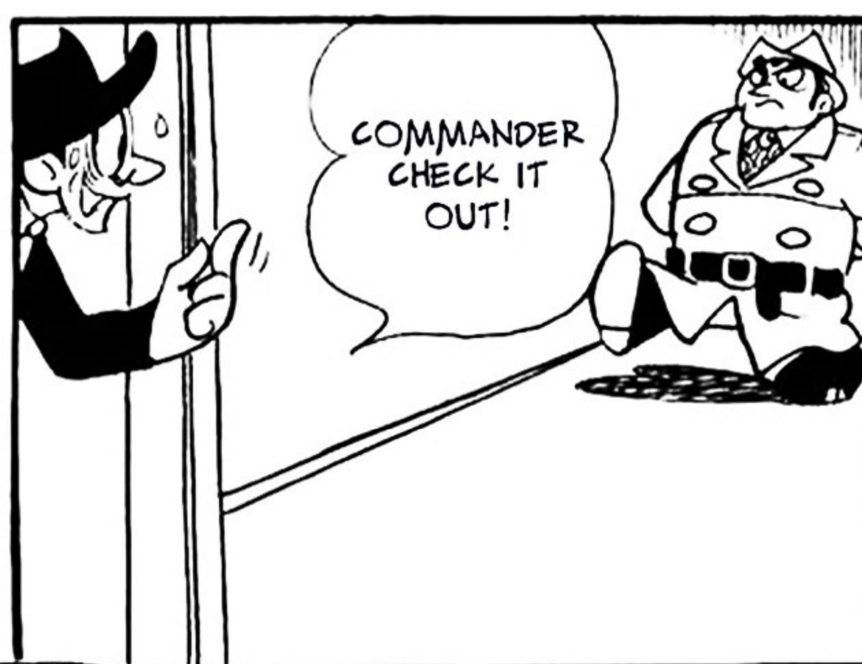

AT ANY RATE... IT'S A MATTER OF LIVE OR DEATH FOR US

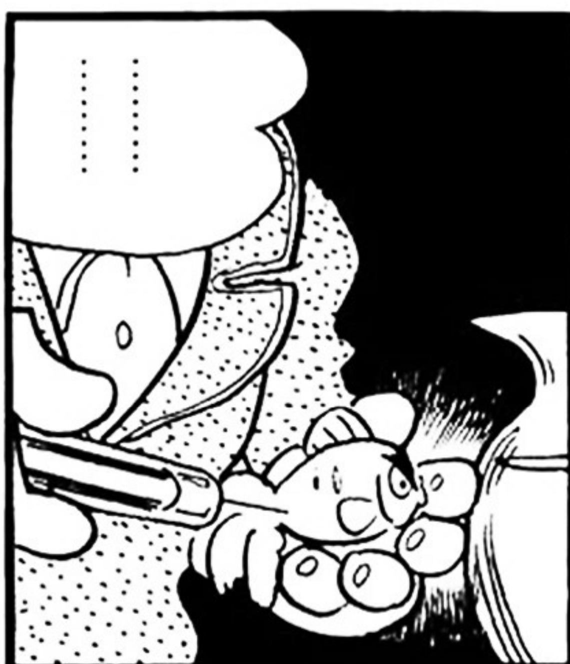

JUST THINKING ABOUT IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS

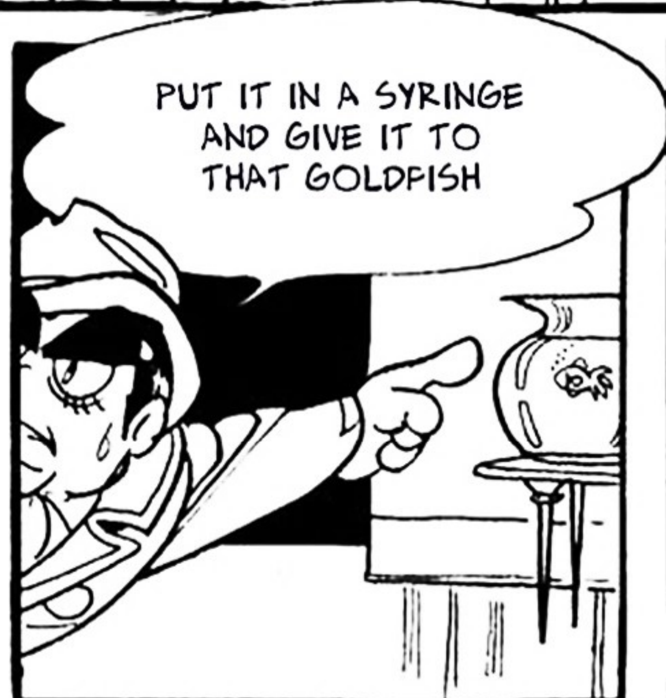

DON'T TALK NONSENSE


"LIFE OR DEATH"... WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

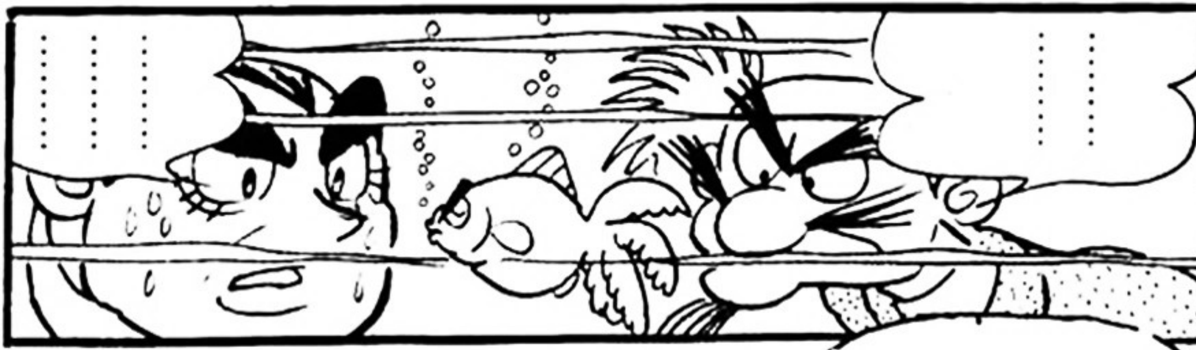

I'M NOT COMPLETELY SURE YET, BUT WE'VE DONE ALL WE CAN DO.
HEHE
WOW! IT'S DONE?

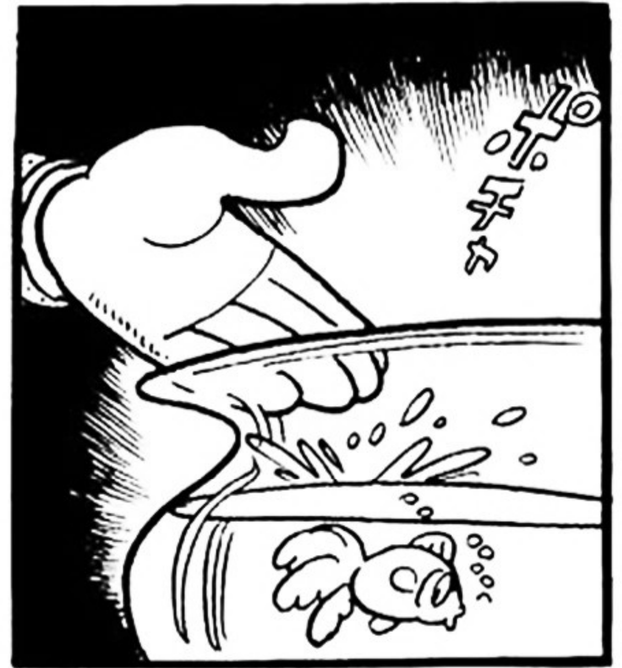

COMMANDER CHECK IT OUT!


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PUT IT IN A SYRINGE AND GIVE IT TO THAT GOLDFISH


THIS IS IT


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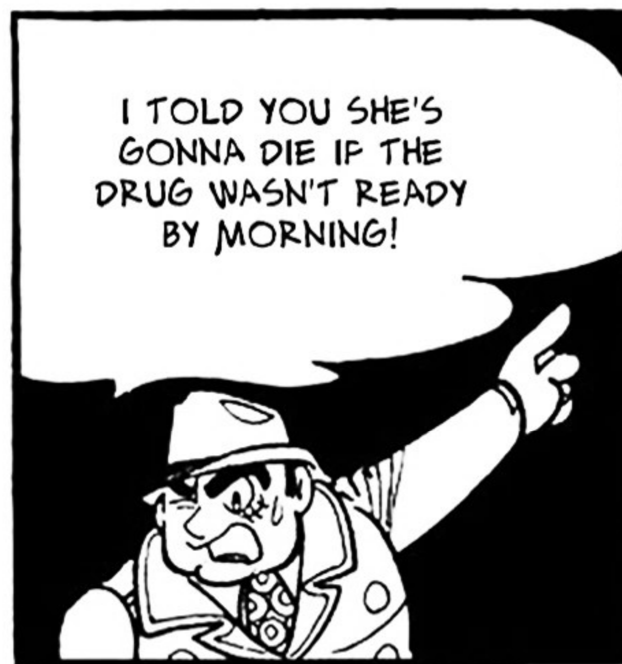

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DAMN...
THIS ONE'S STILL
GOT NO EFFECT

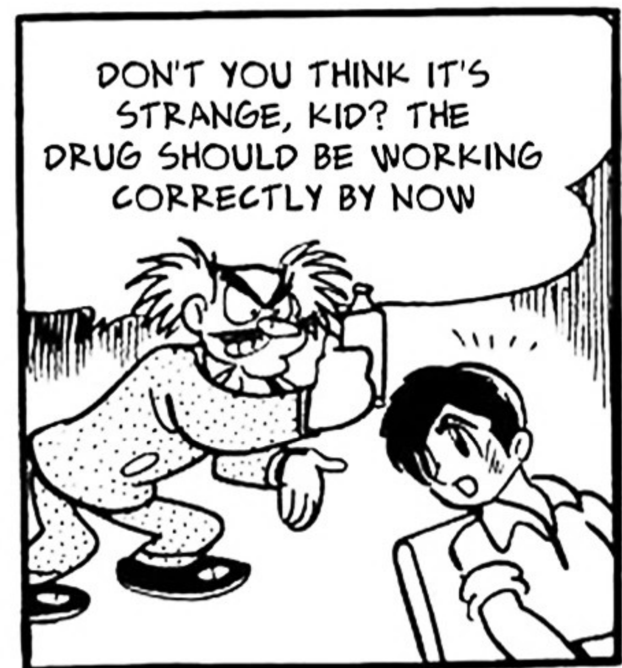

I MADE SURE THE INJECTION THE OLD GUY HAS DOESN'T WORK

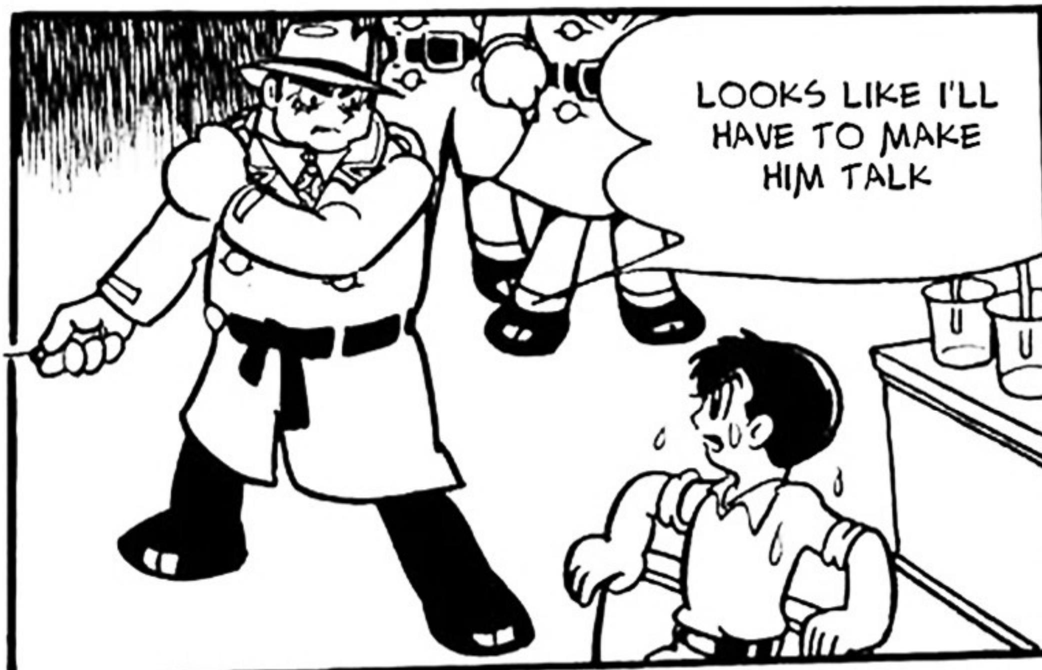

DOCTOR, YOU'LL HAVE TO DO MORE RESEARCH


ACCORDING TO THE CHEMICAL FORMULA THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE FINAL PRODUCT

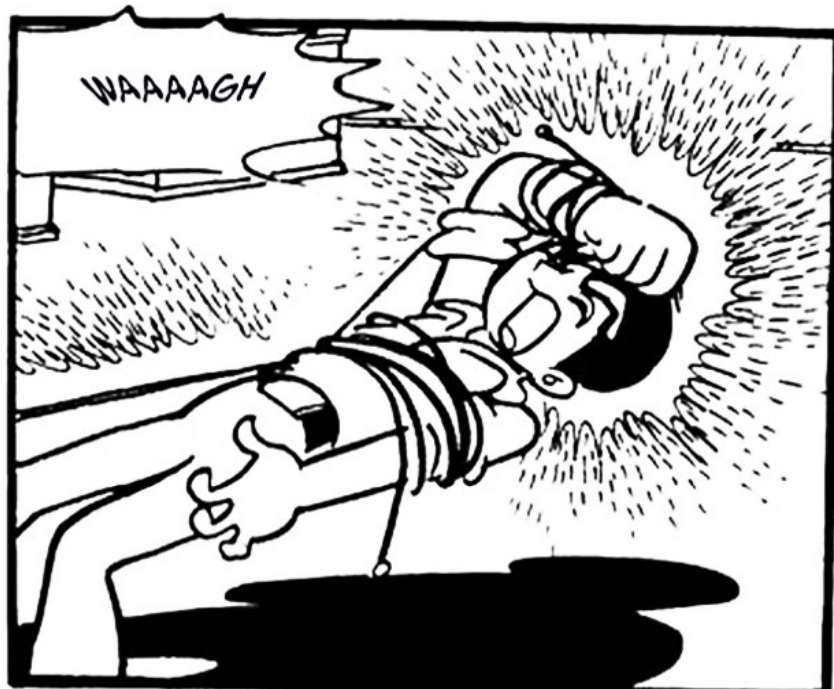

I TOLD YOU SHE'S GONNA DIE IF THE DRUG WASN'T READY BY MORNING!

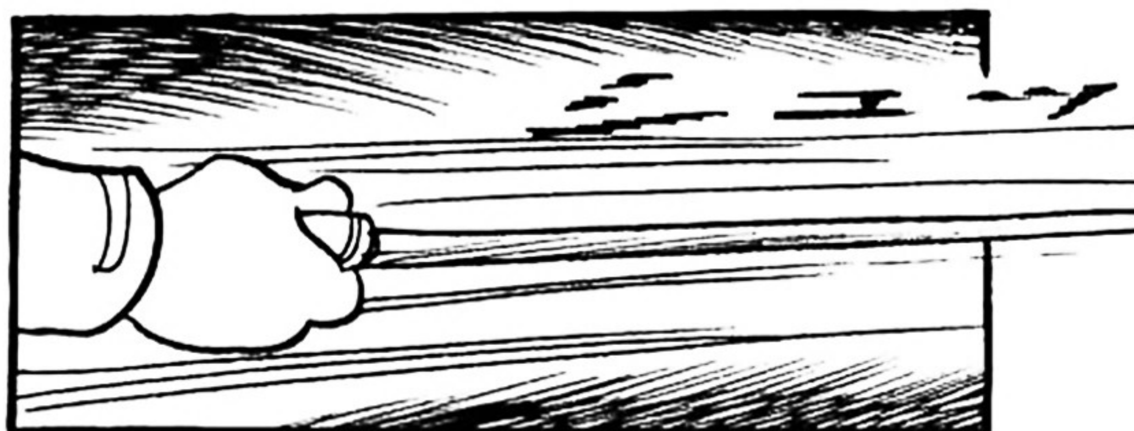

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO KID?
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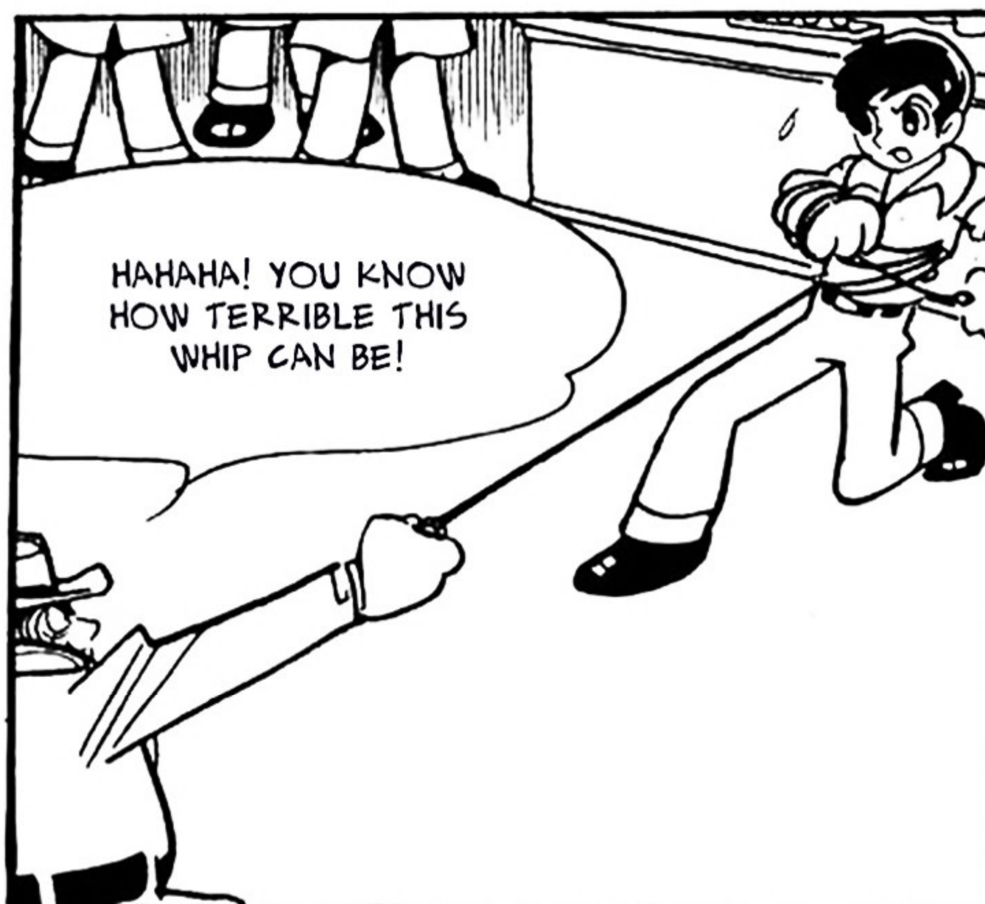

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S STRANGE, KID? THE DRUG SHOULD BE WORKING CORRECTLY BY NOW


LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO MAKE HIM TALK


SO WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, PUNK? YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING. WHAT? IS THE DRUG REAL OR JUST A BUNCH OF HOOEY? ANSWER ME!


WAAAAGH




HAHAHA! YOU KNOW HOW TERRIBLE THIS WHIP CAN BE!


I'LL TELL YOU... THE SECRET OF BIG X


ALL RIGHT, GET ON WITH IT


GIVE ME THE BOTTLE


DON'T SPILL IT




I'VE ALREADY PERFECTED THIS DRUG
BUT I GAVE THE FISH A SHOT AND IT DIDN'T WORK


YEAH, THE NEW VERSION WON'T WORK WHEN INJECTED



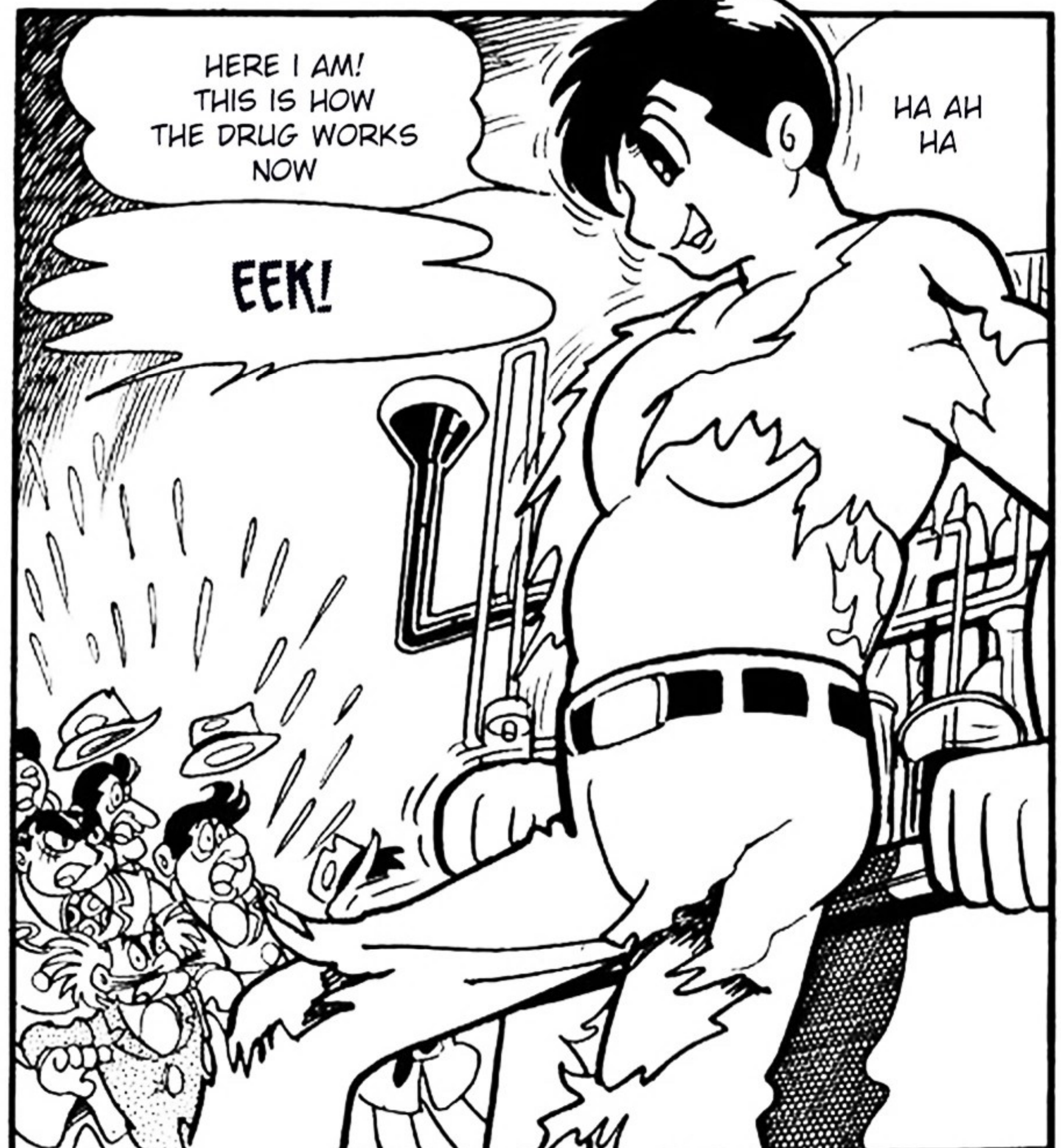

WATCH THIS...
I'M GOING TO TAKE IT RIGHT NOW!


WHAT?


WAAH
PING
I'M ALREADY GETTING STRONGER, SEE?
POK

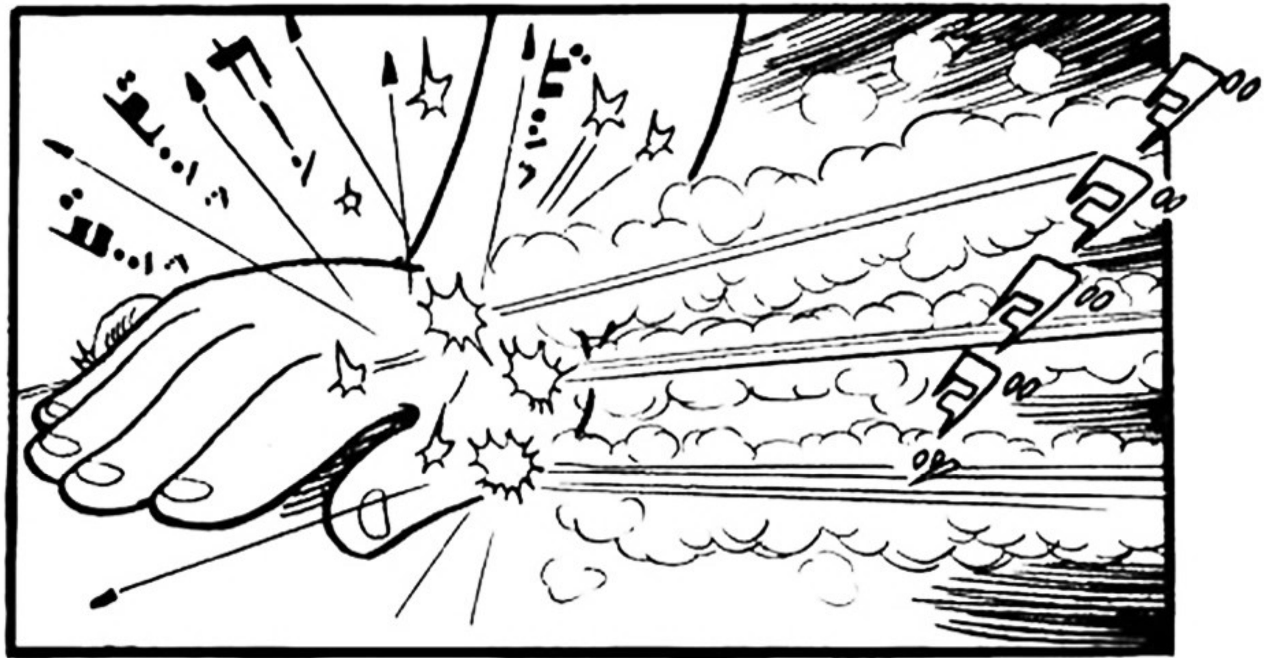

DOESN'T TASTE TOO BAD, AND IT'S GREAT FOR THE CELLS


I'LL SHOOT HER!

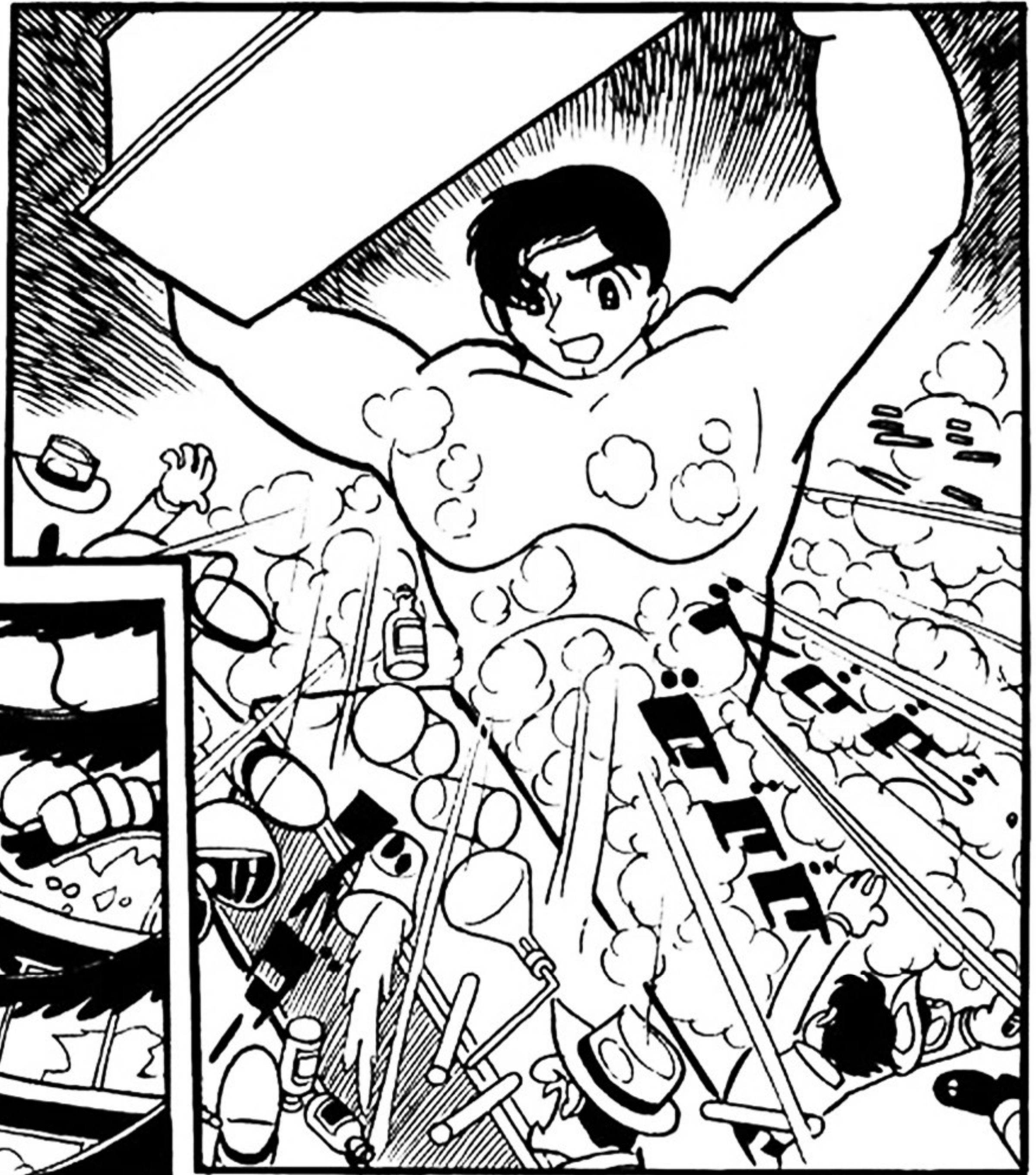

HERE I AM! THIS IS HOW THE DRUG WORKS NOW
HA AH HA
EEK!




HOW DARE THESE EVIL CREEPS DO THIS TO NINA?

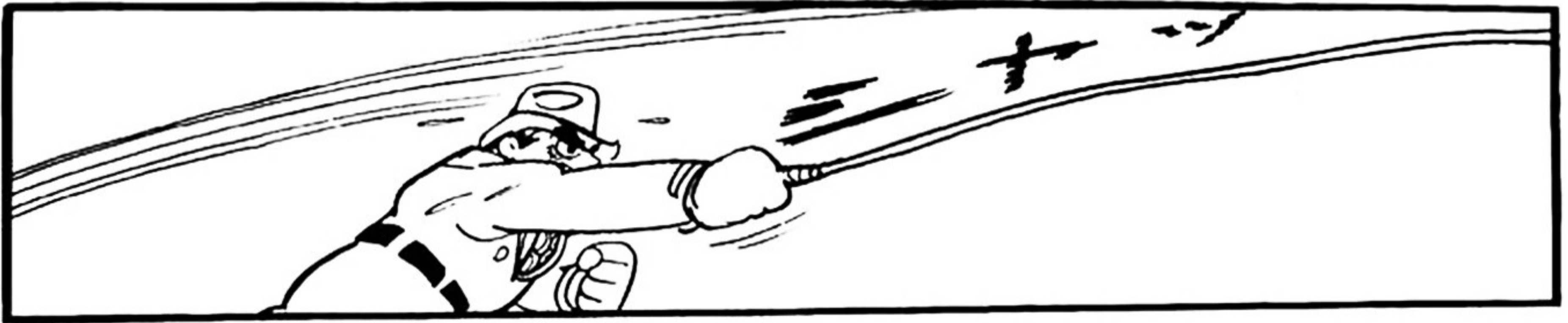


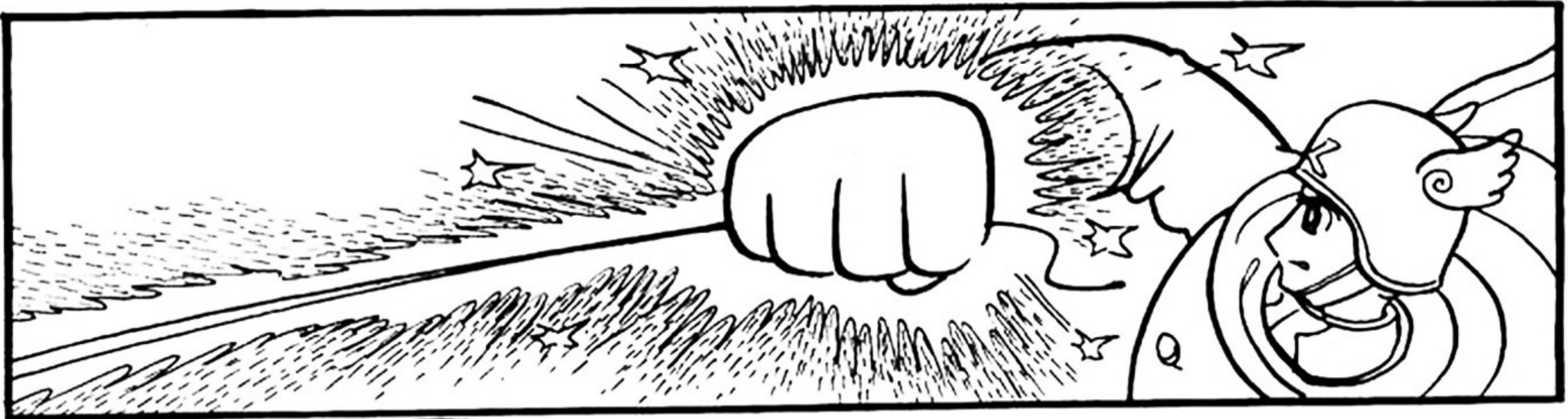




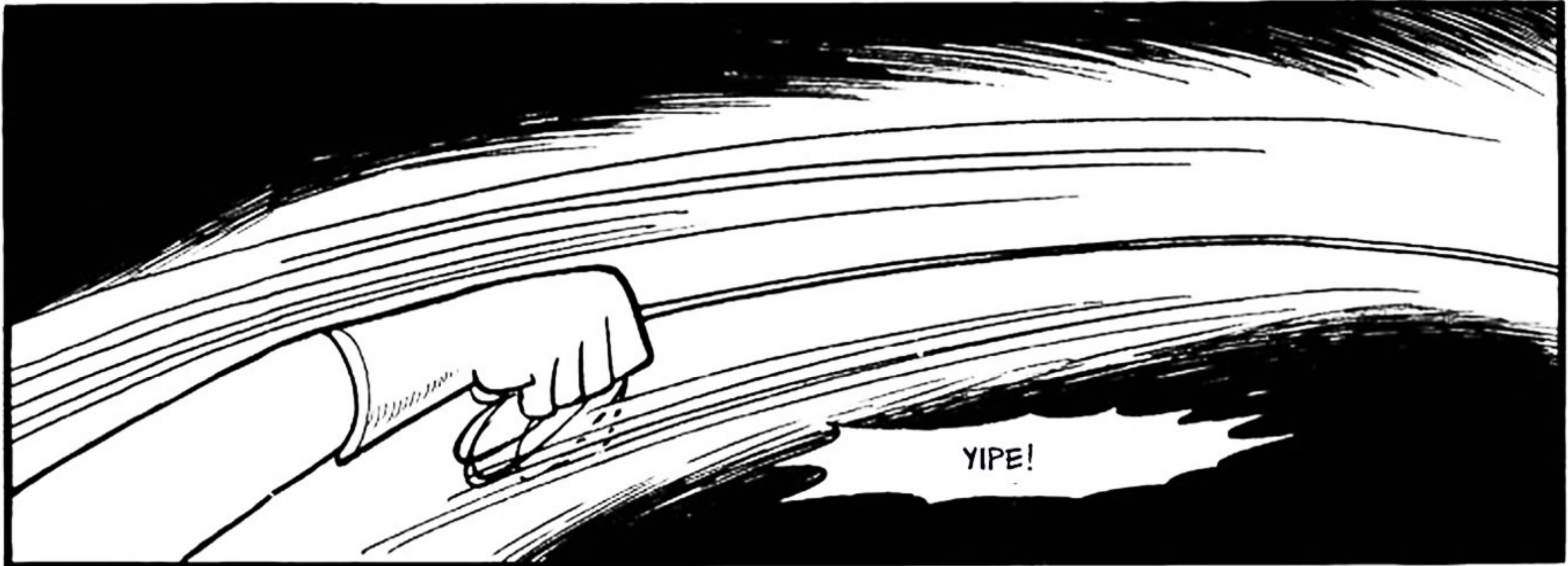

HEEELP!
WAHH

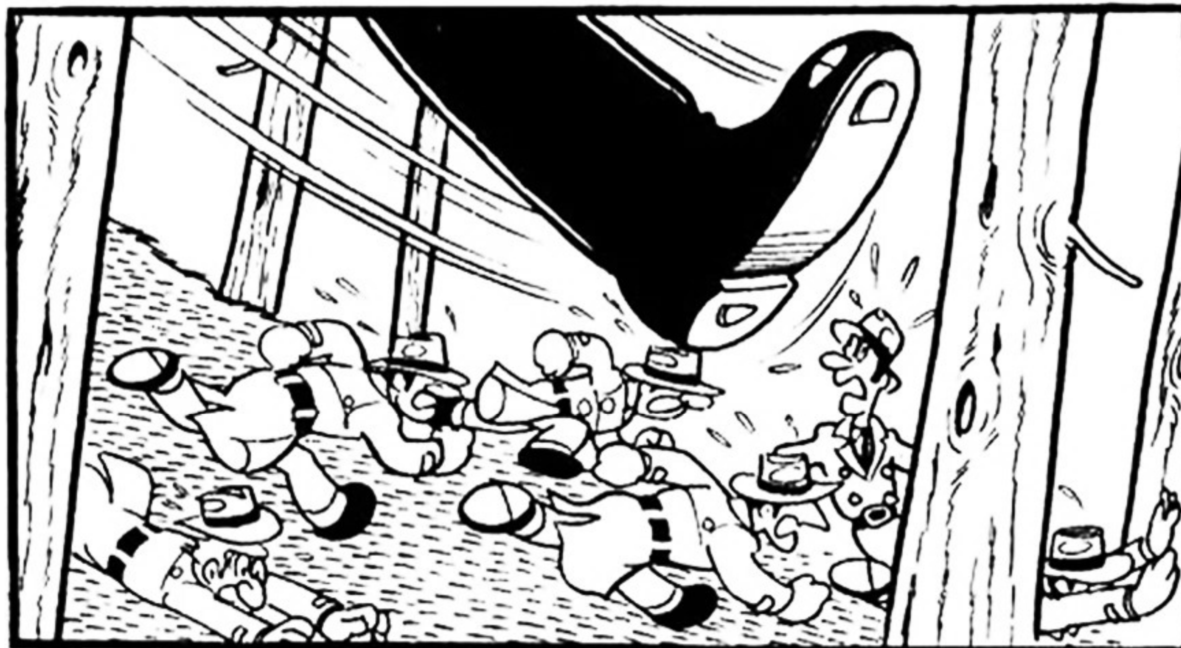

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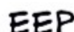


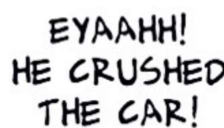

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YIPE!

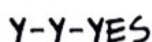






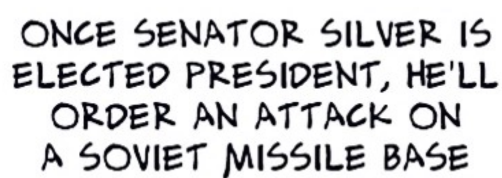


ANSWER ME!
THE WAR STARTS
TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT
DOESN'T IT?





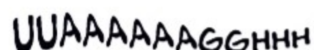
WHAT ARE
YOU PLANNING
TO DO?
GIVE ME
THE TRUTH!

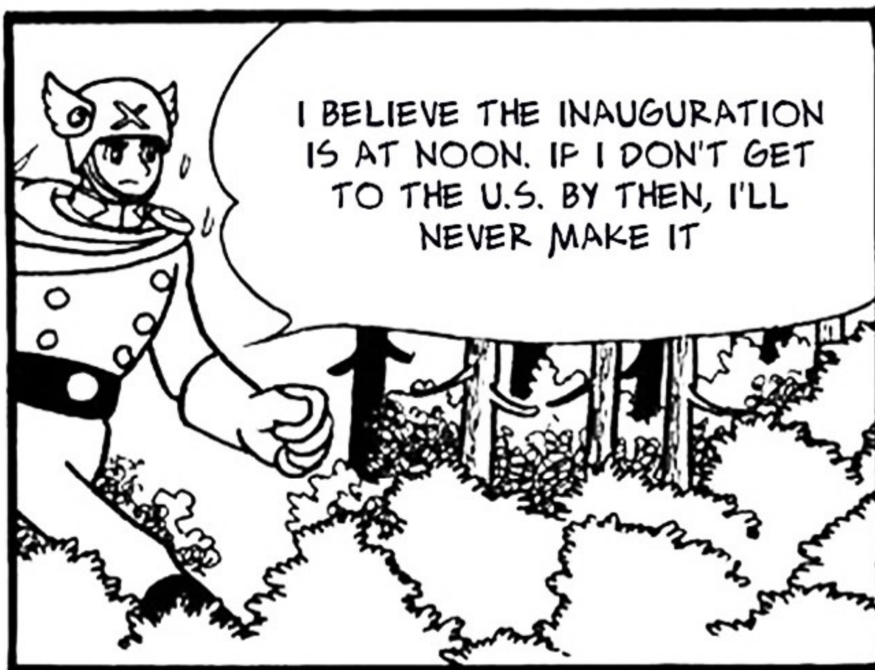


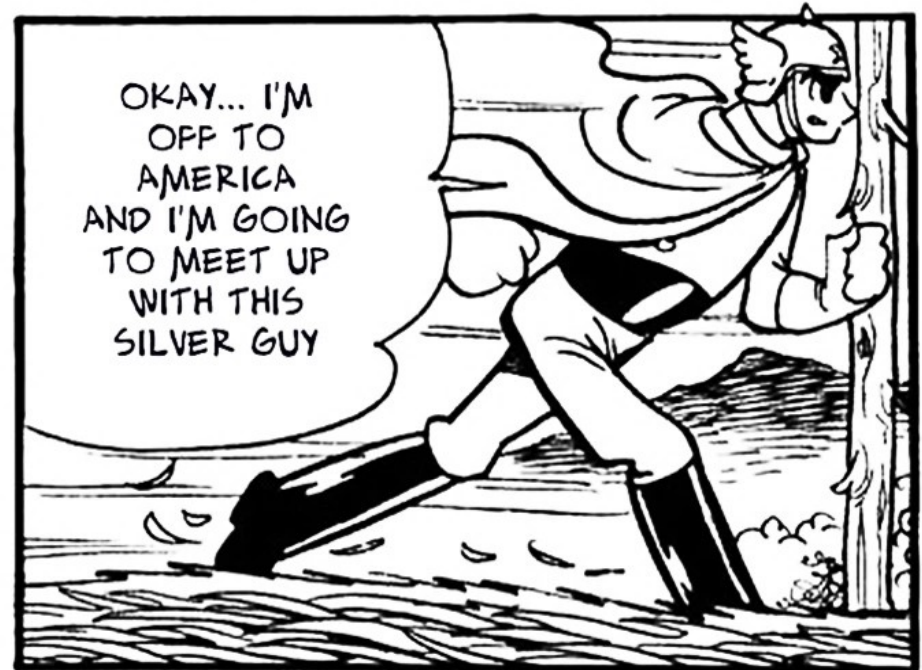


P-P-PLEASE
DON'T THROW ME

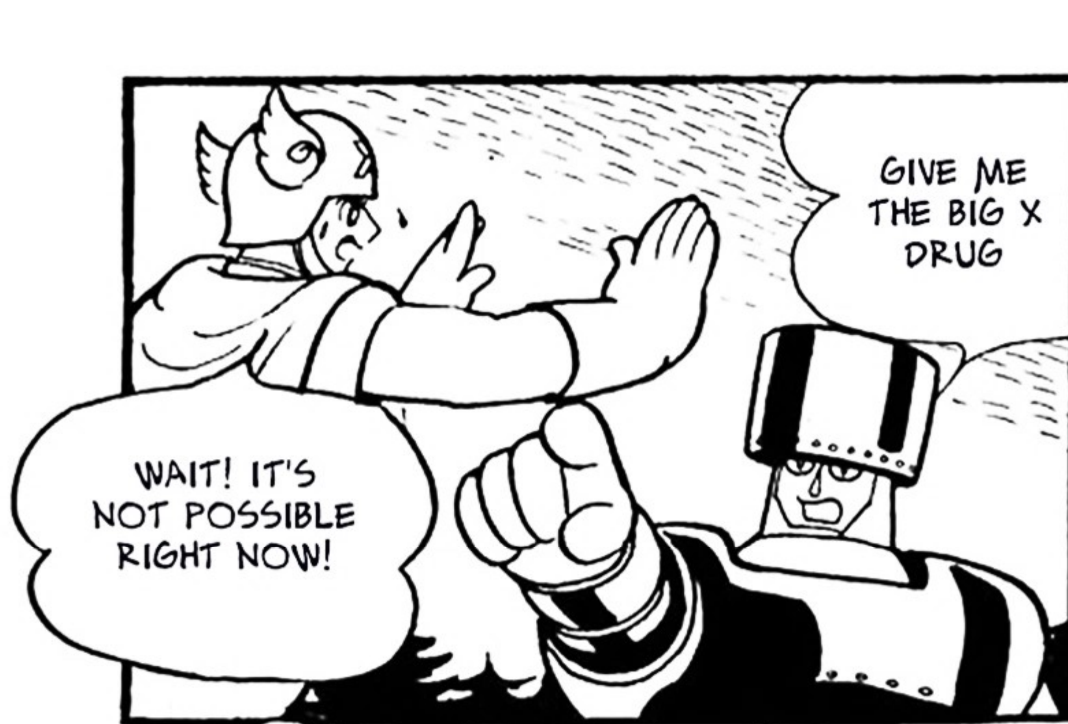


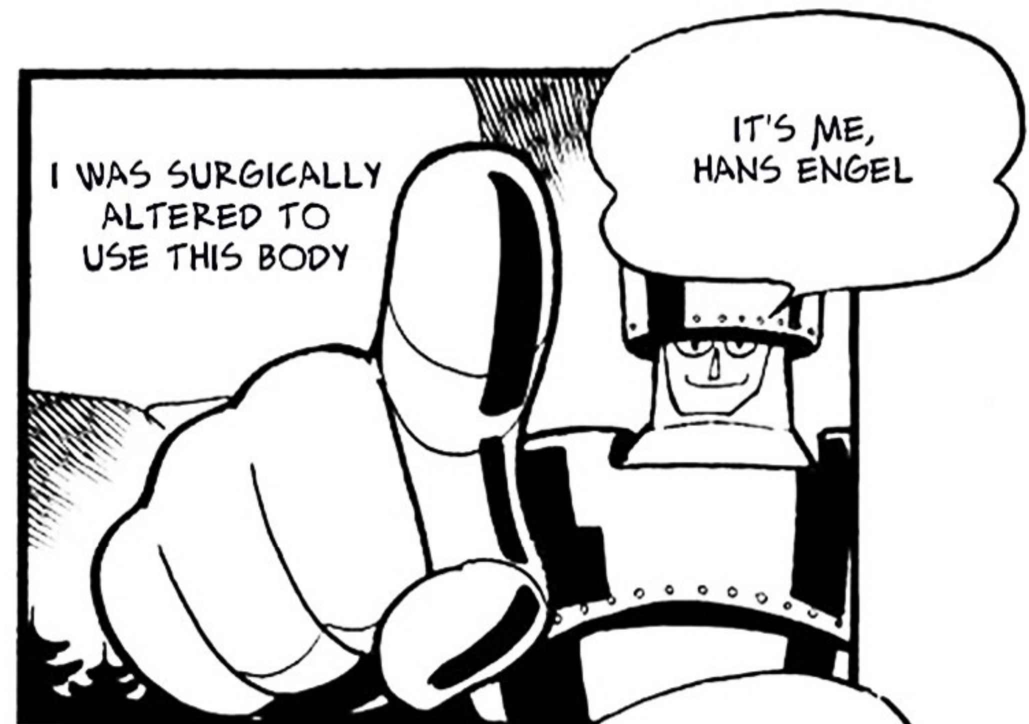




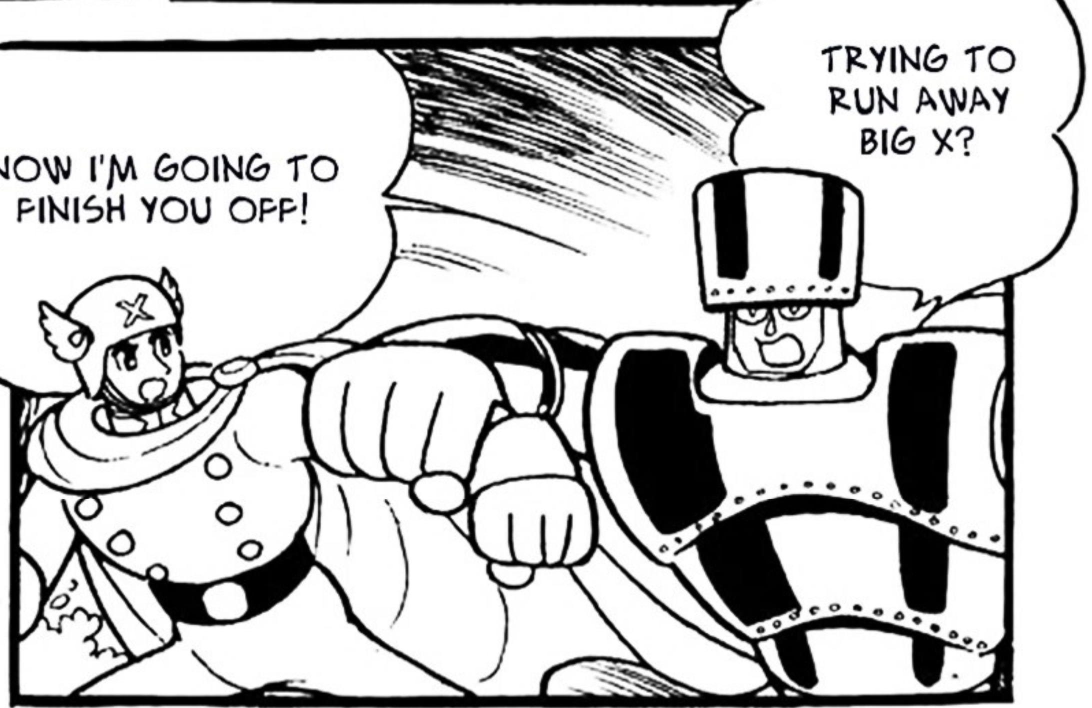


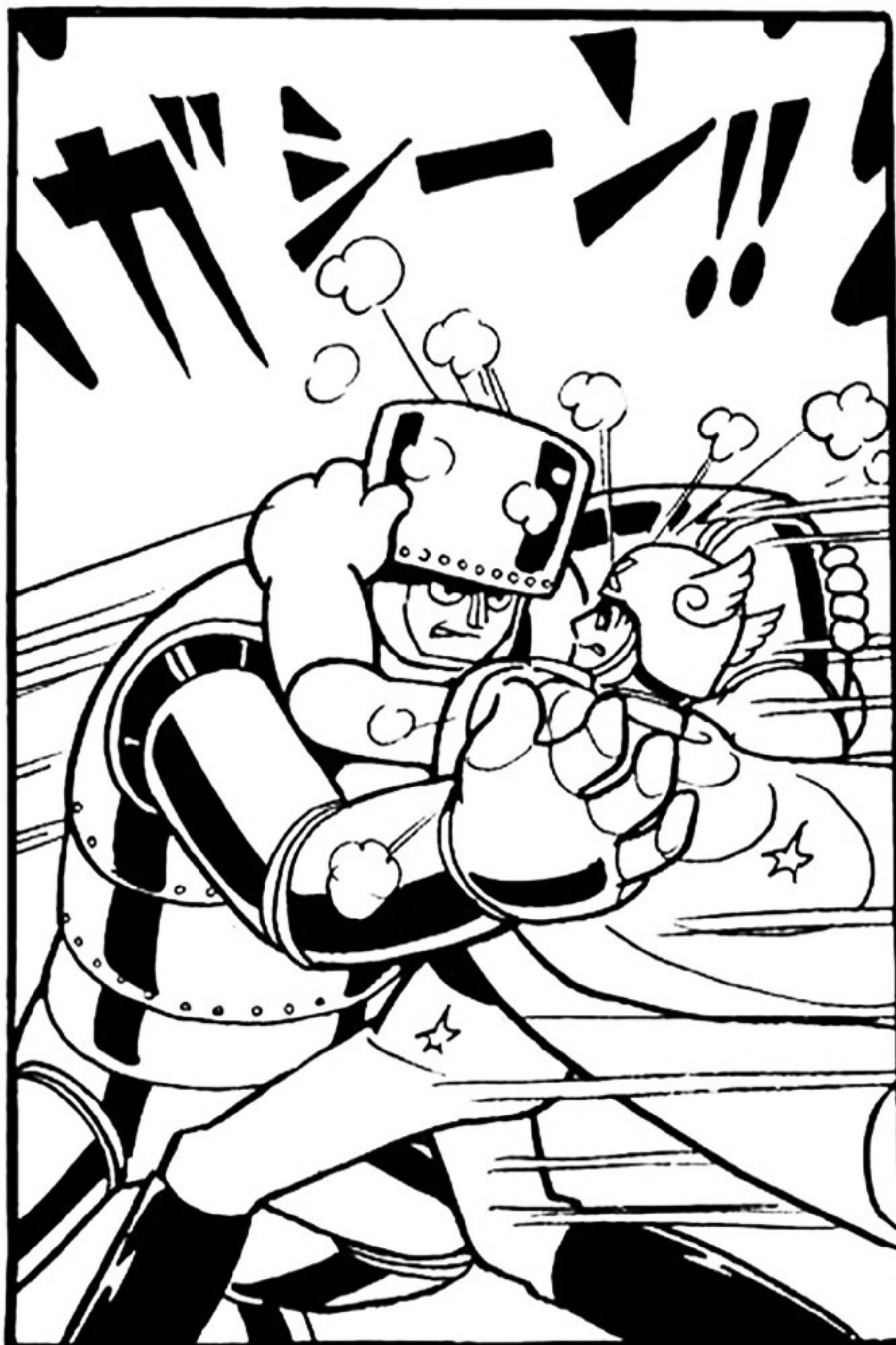
WOAH! A GIANT ROBOT! WHAT.... WHO... ARE YOU?

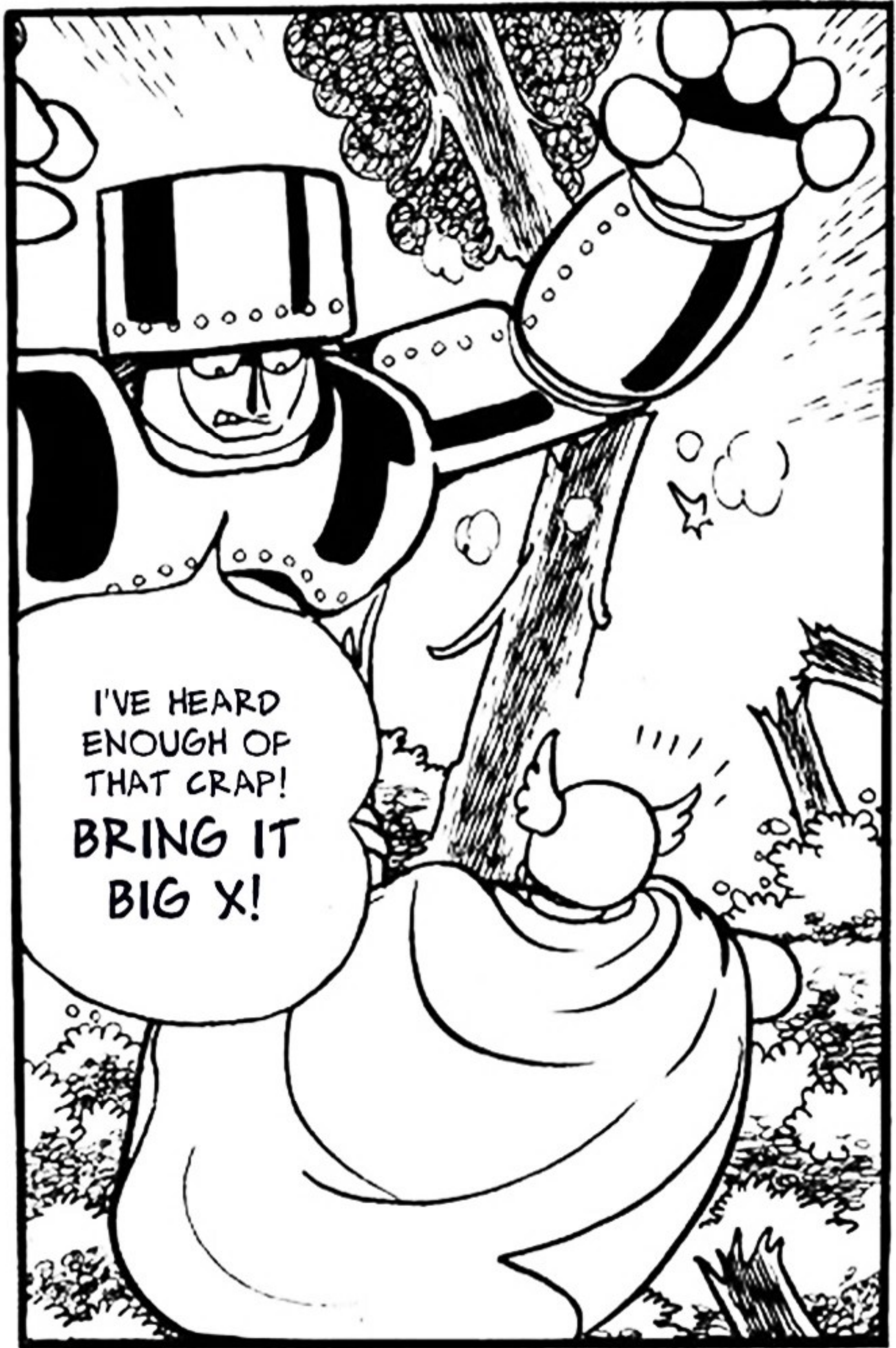

GIVE ME THE BIG X DRUG
WAIT! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE RIGHT NOW!

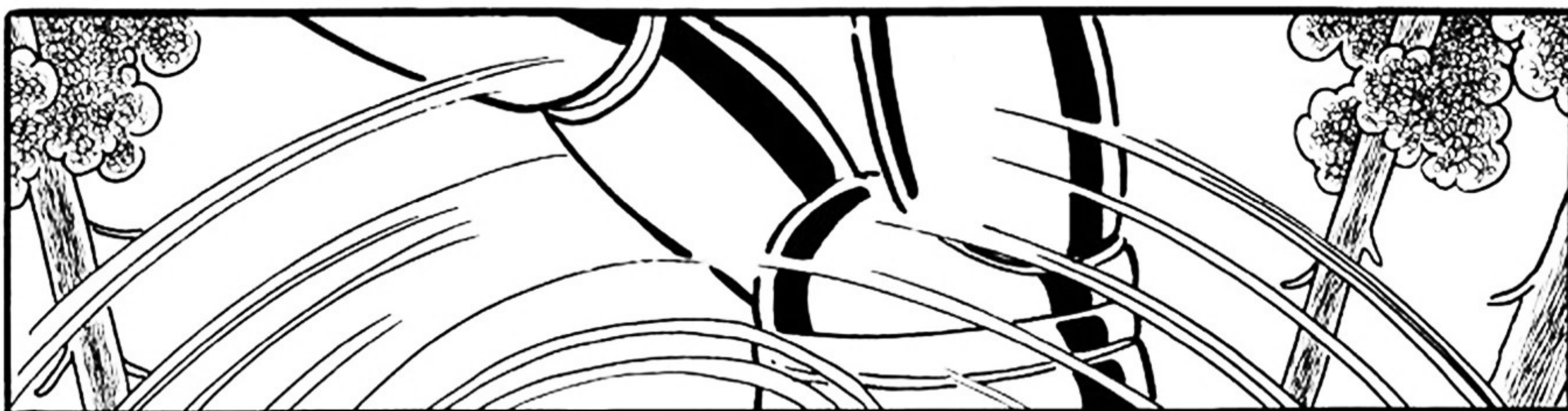

IT'S ME, HANS ENGEL
I WAS SURGICALLY ALTERED TO USE THIS BODY

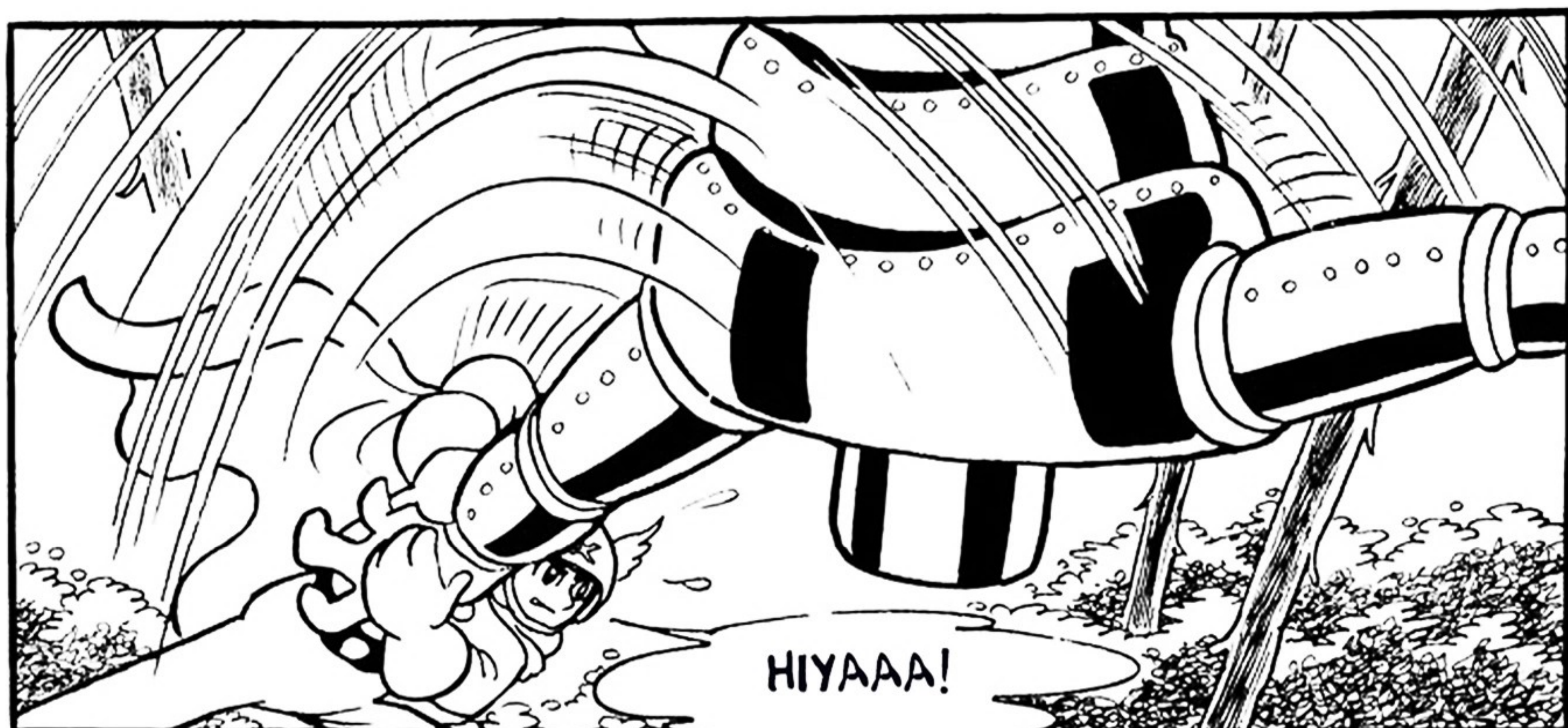

WHY ARE YOU IN THE WAY WHEN THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO PERISH?


TRYING TO RUN AWAY BIG X?
NOW I'M GOING TO FINISH YOU OFF!


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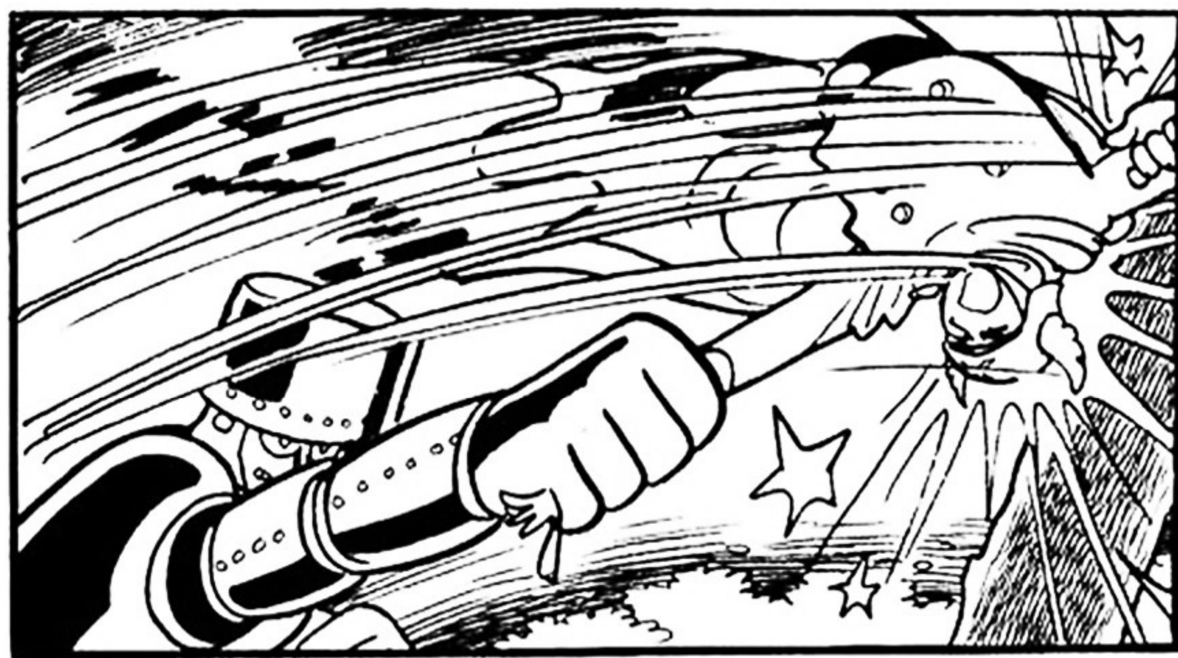

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH OF THAT CRAP! BRING IT BIG X!




HIYAAA!


GRRR

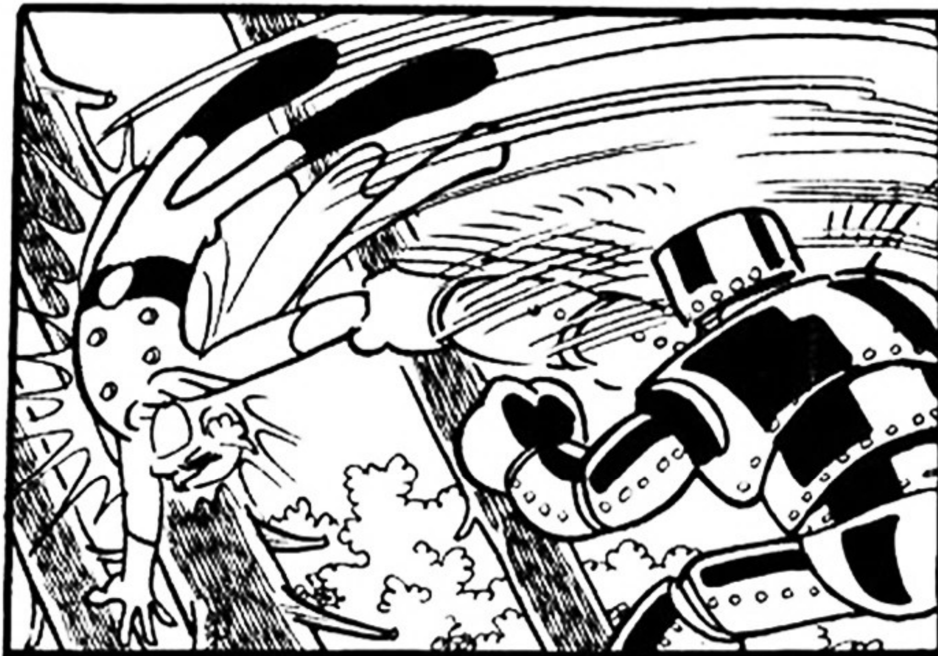


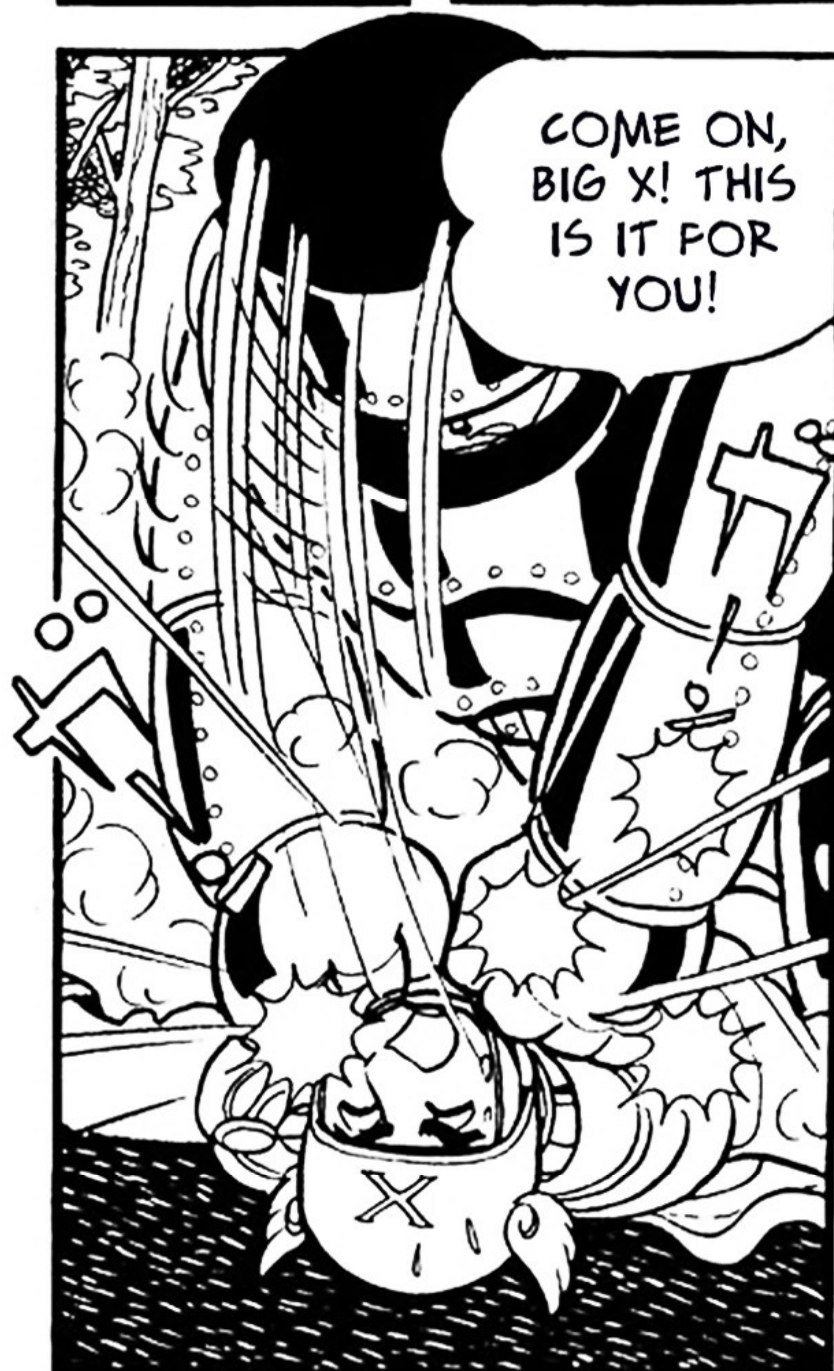


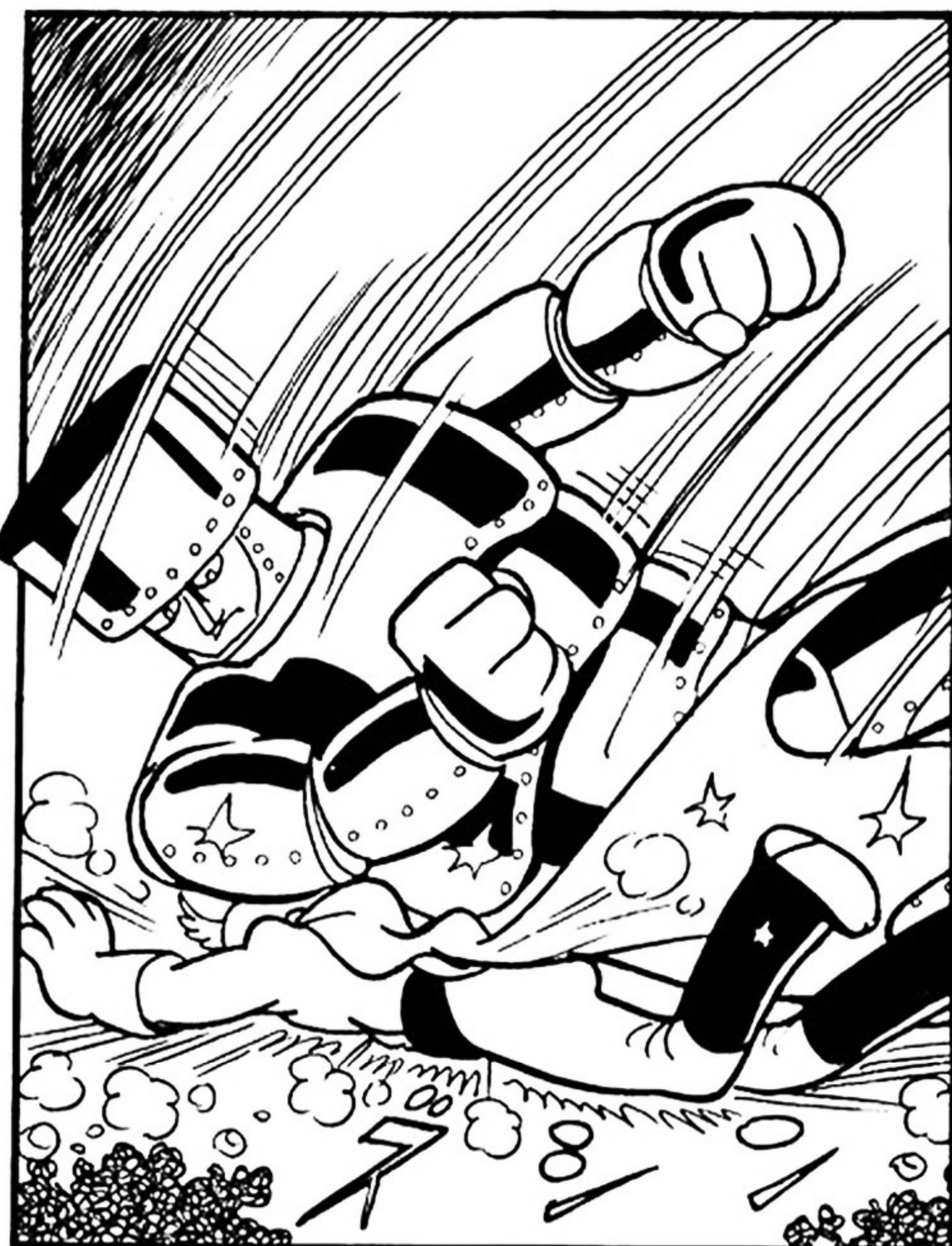


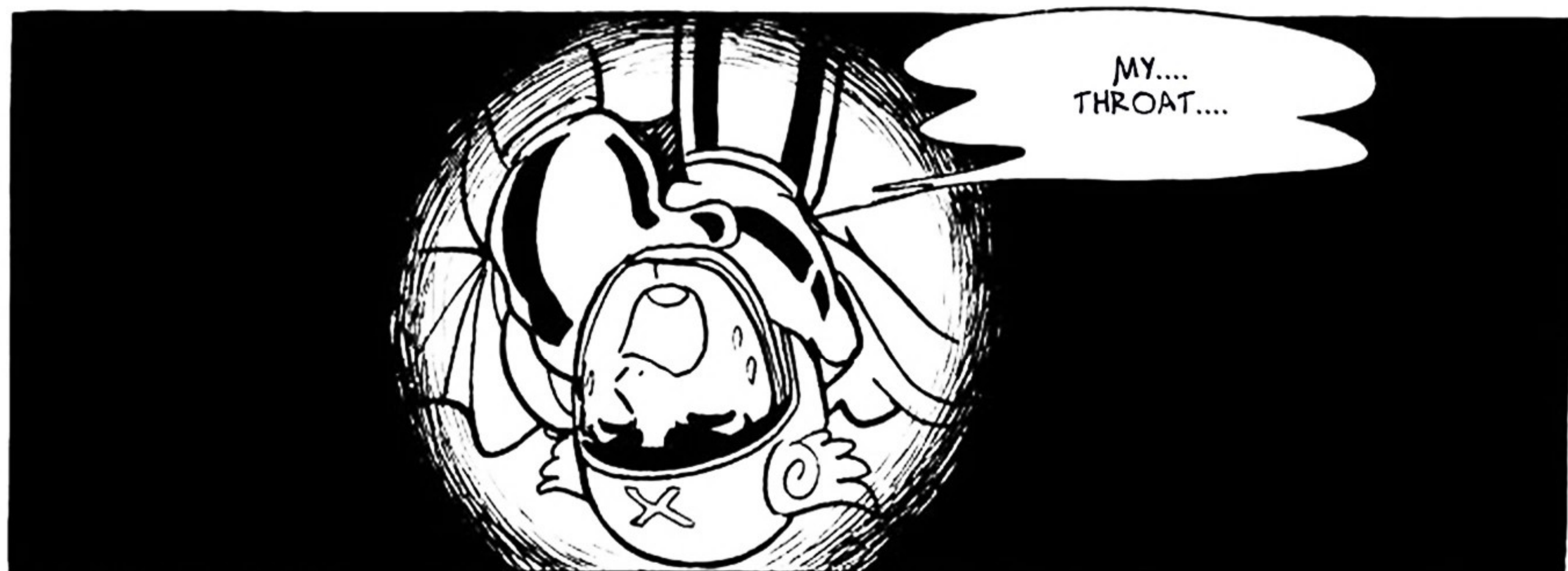


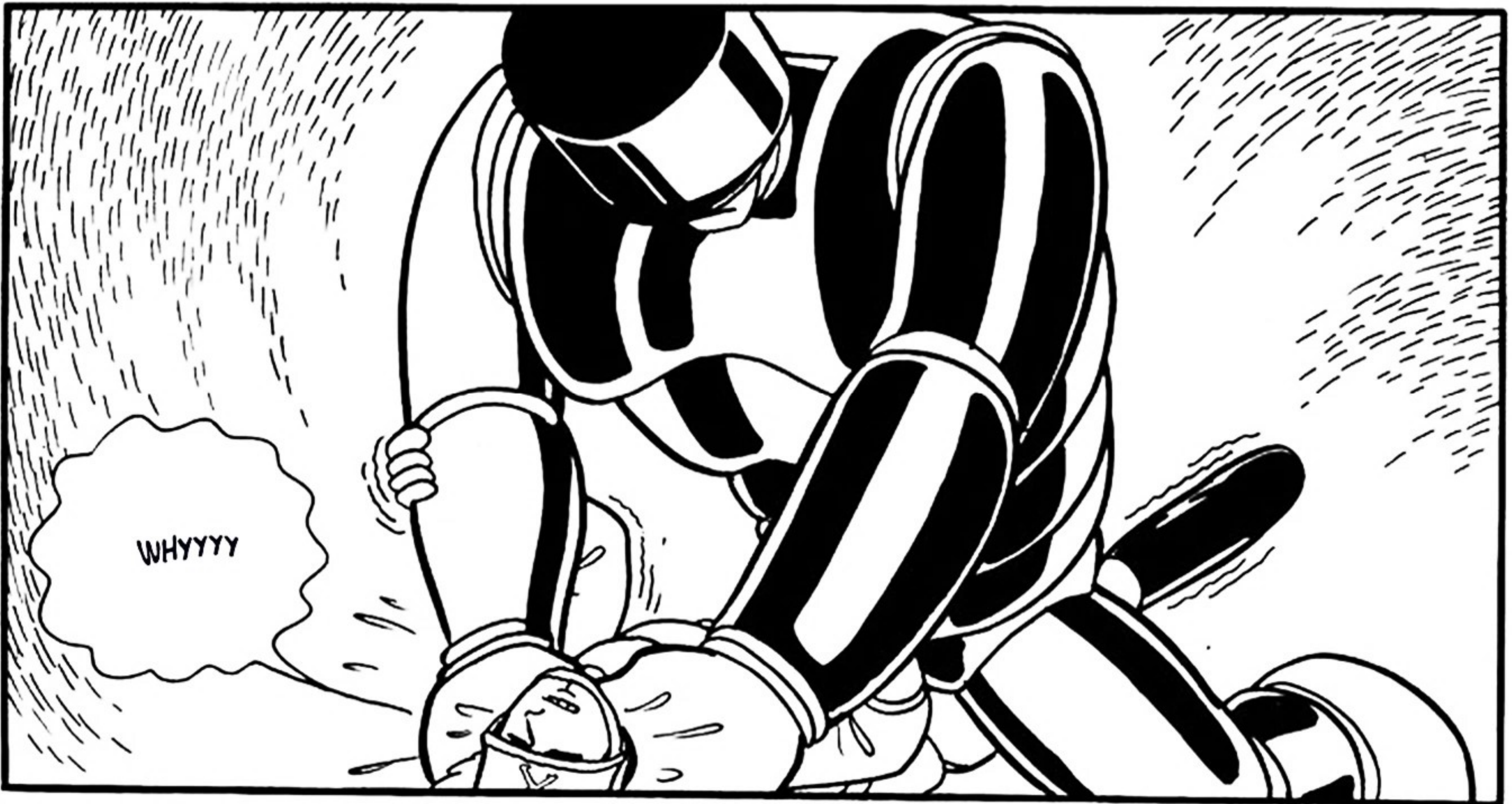





COME ON, BIG X! THIS IS IT FOR YOU!

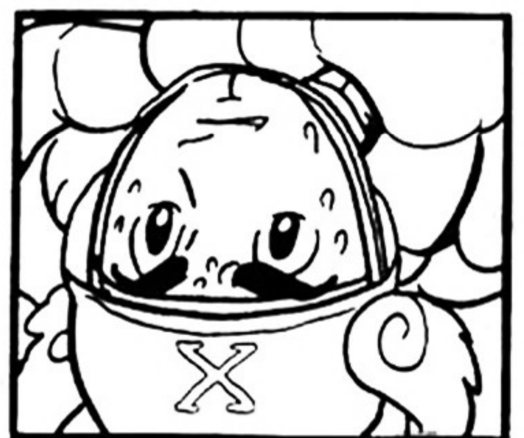


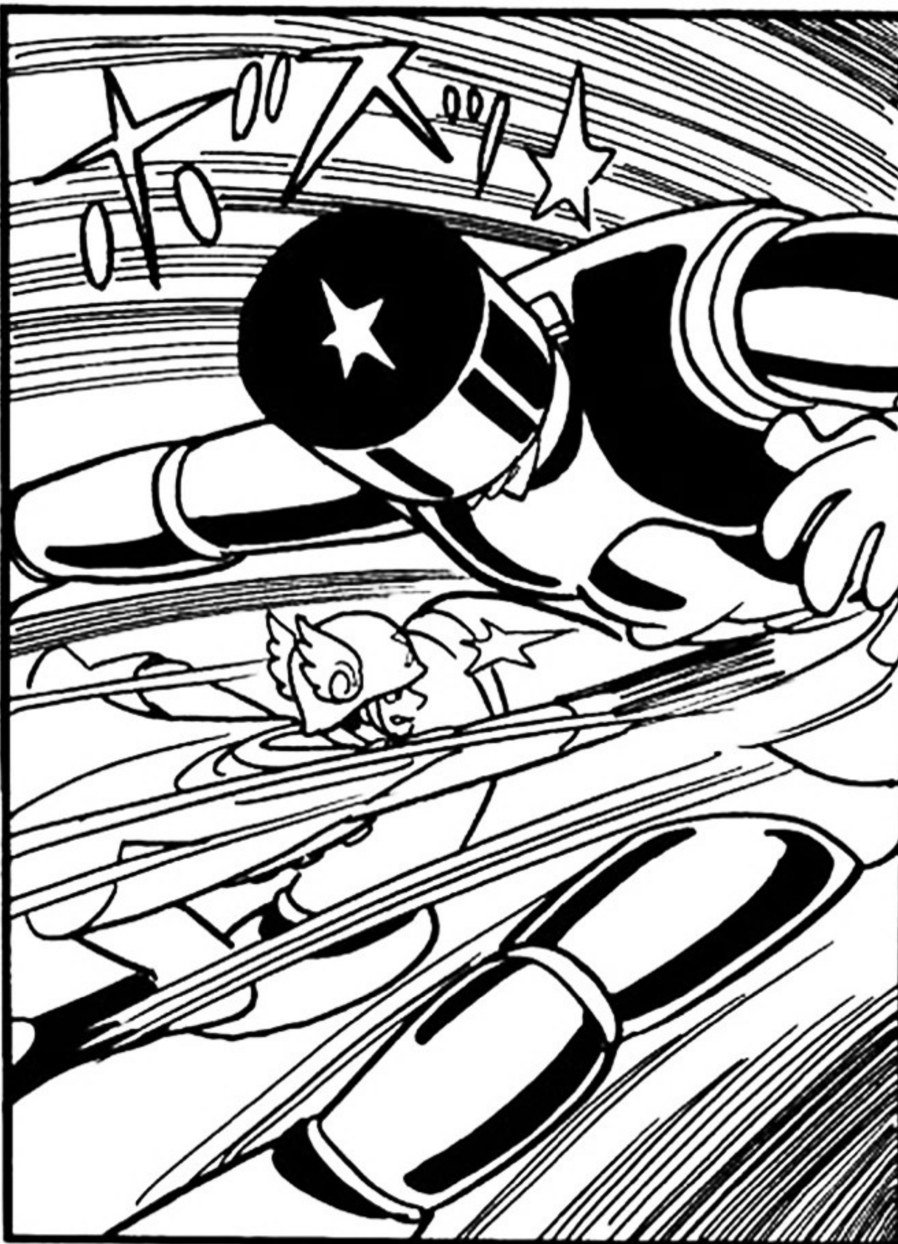

MY.... THROAT....

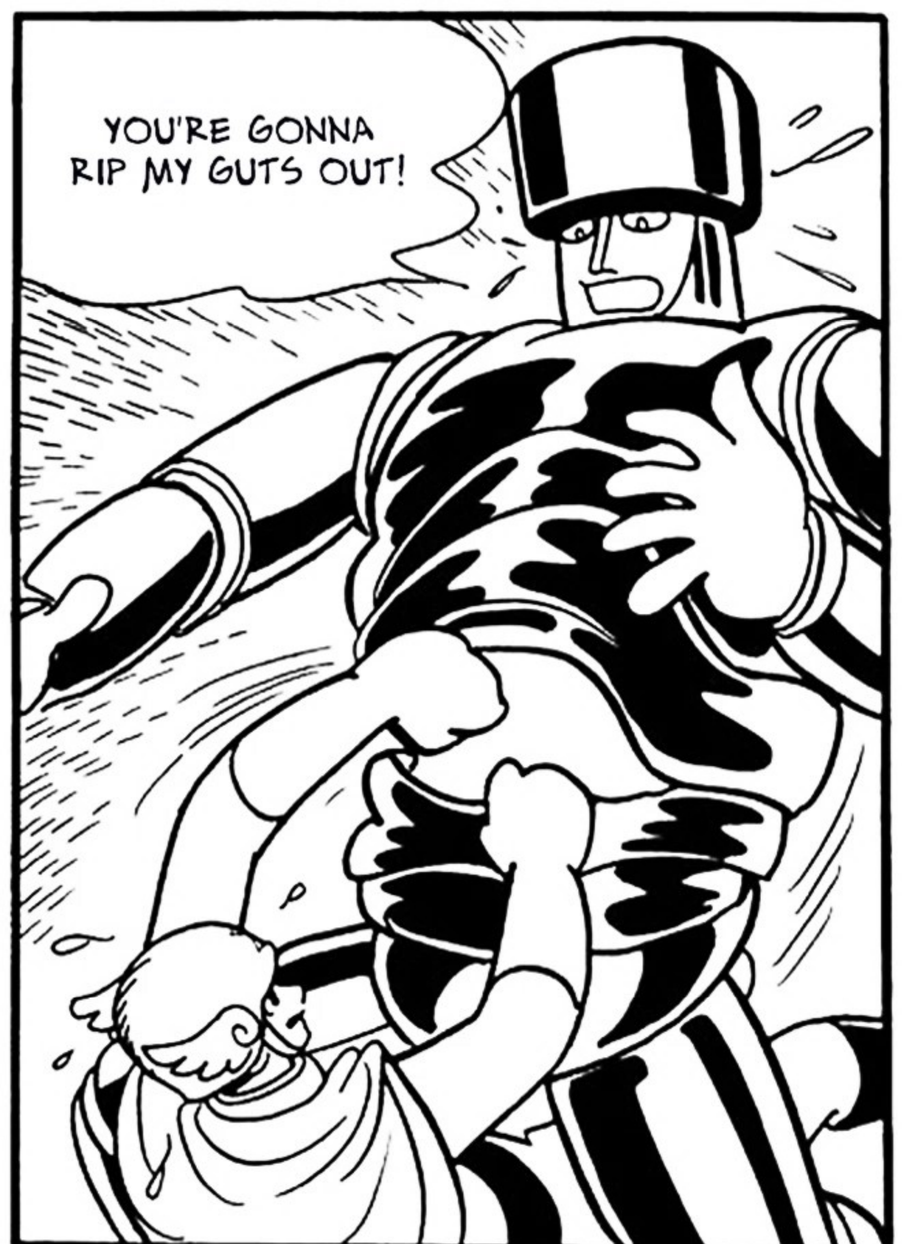

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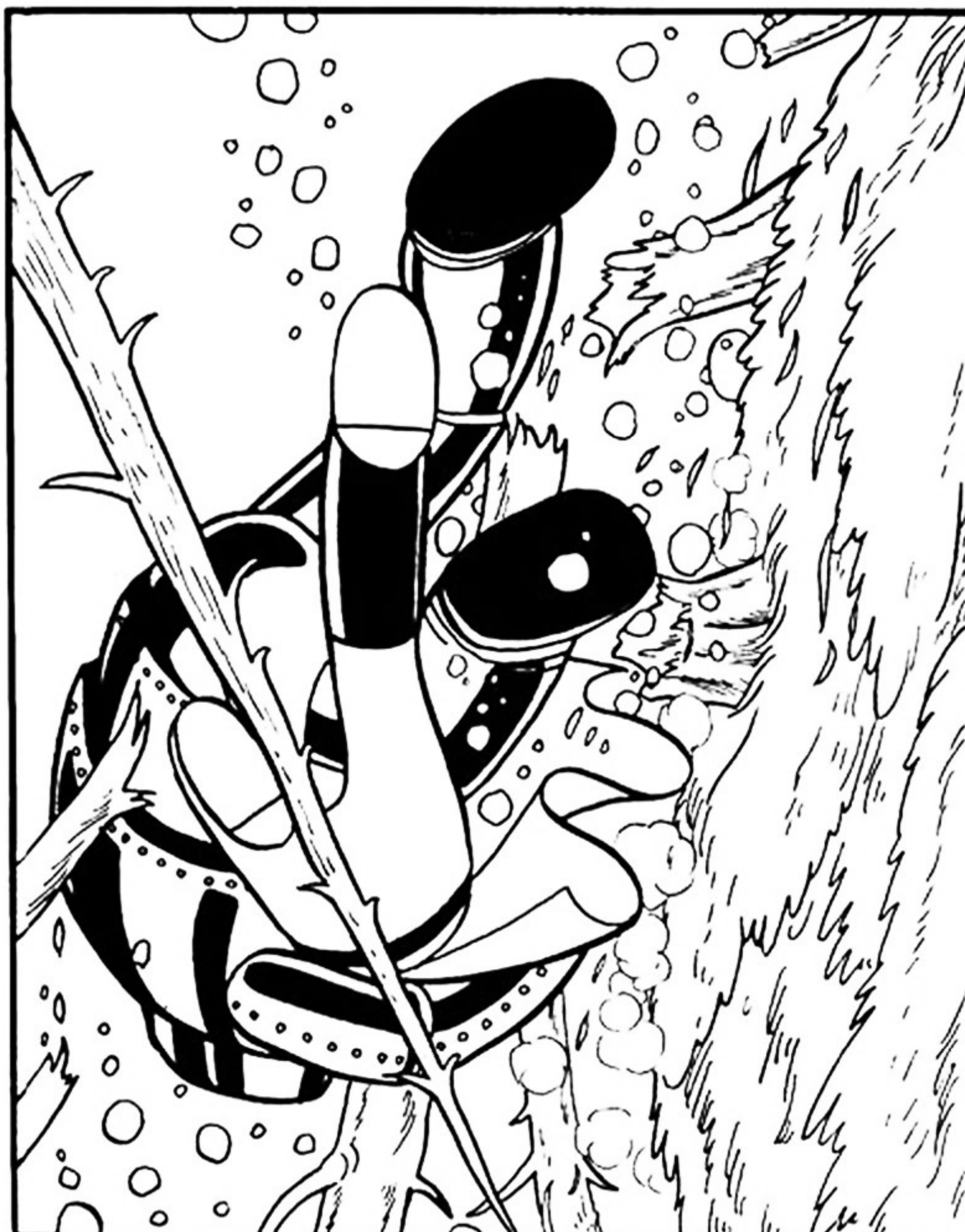


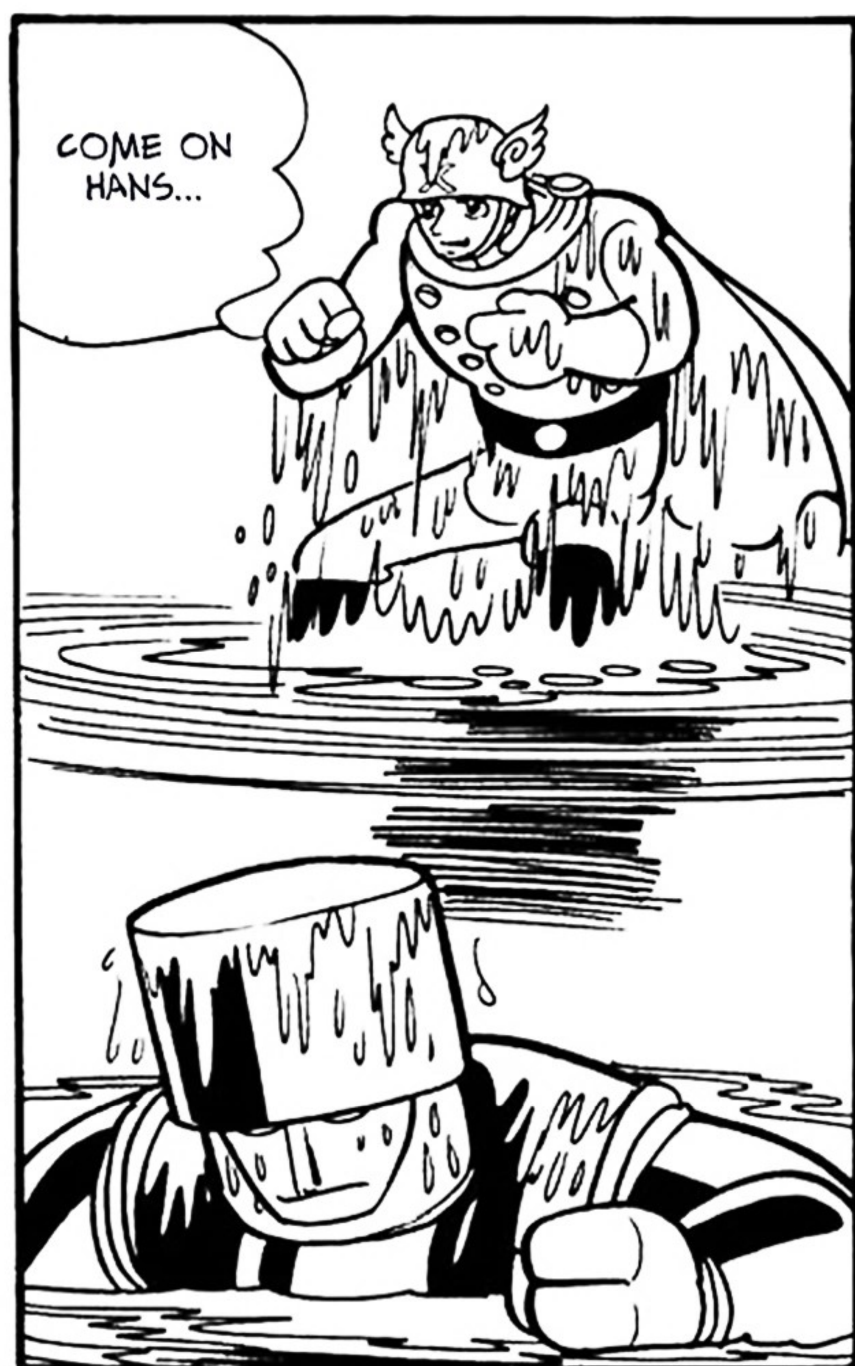


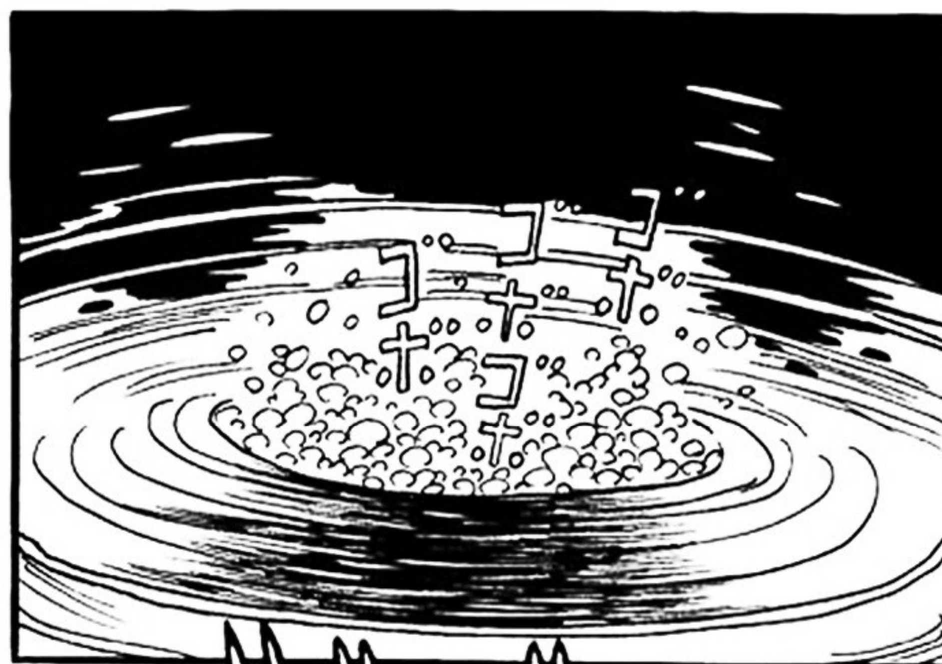



YOU'RE GONNA RIP MY GUTS OUT!





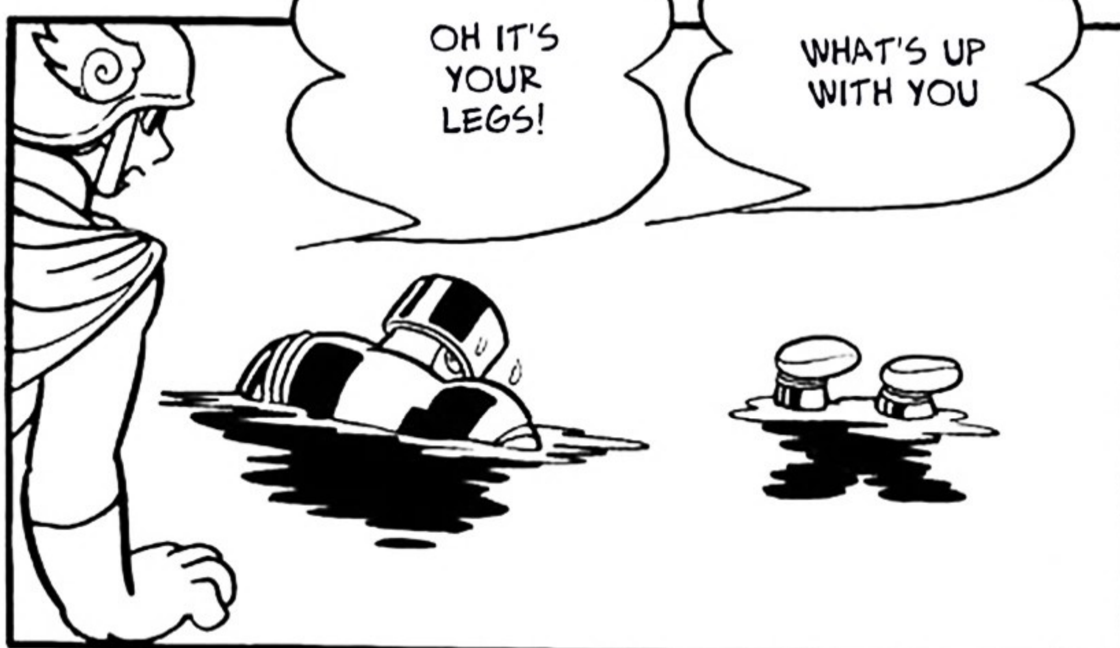

COME ON HANS...

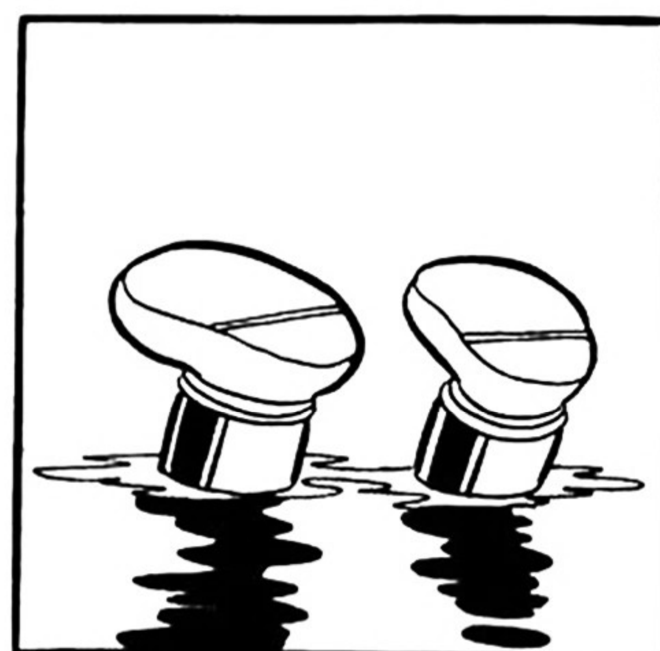




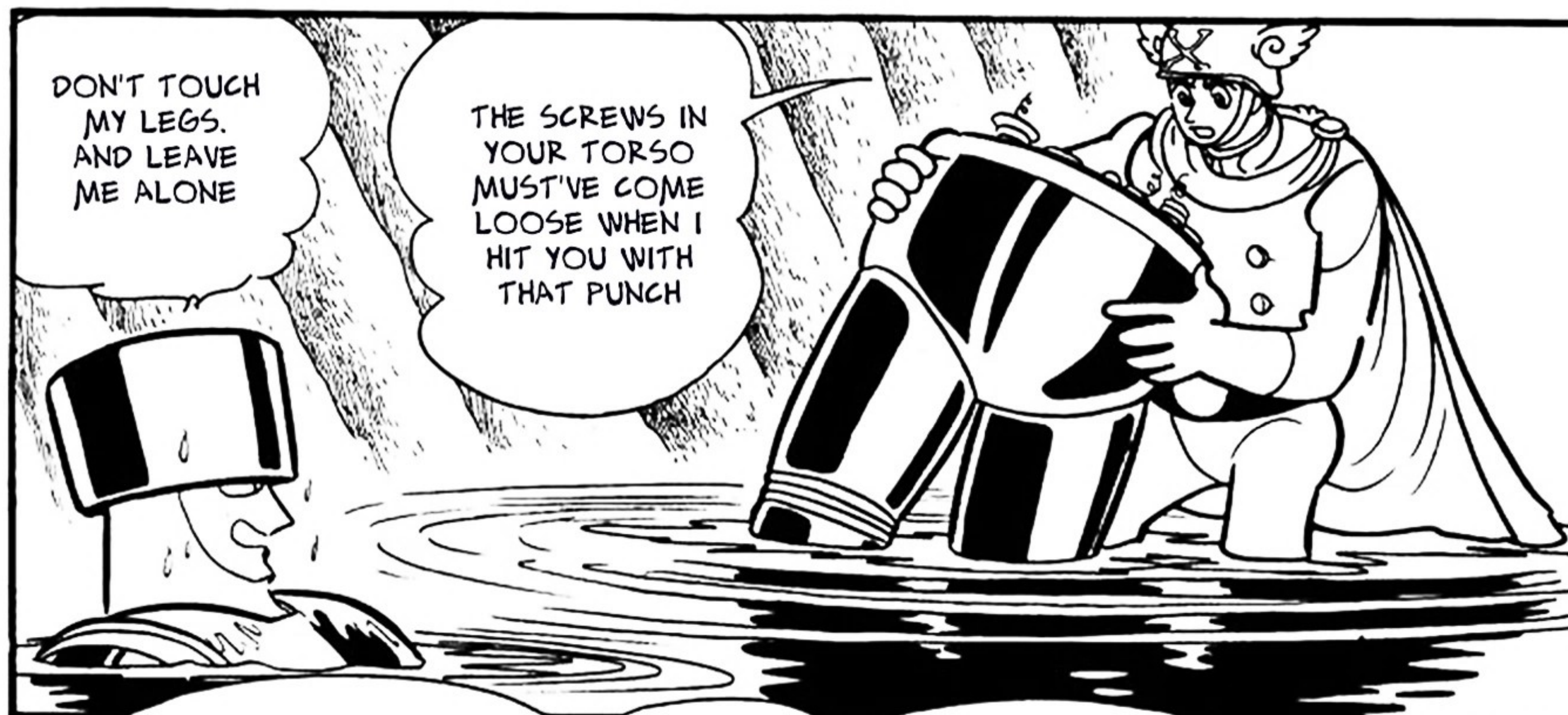
IF YOU DON'T GET UP HANS, THEN I HAVE TO GO. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

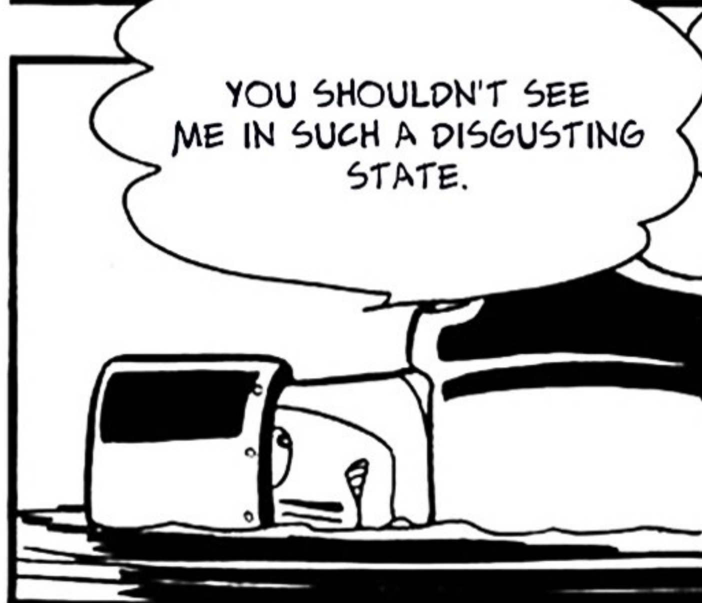
FINE. GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE

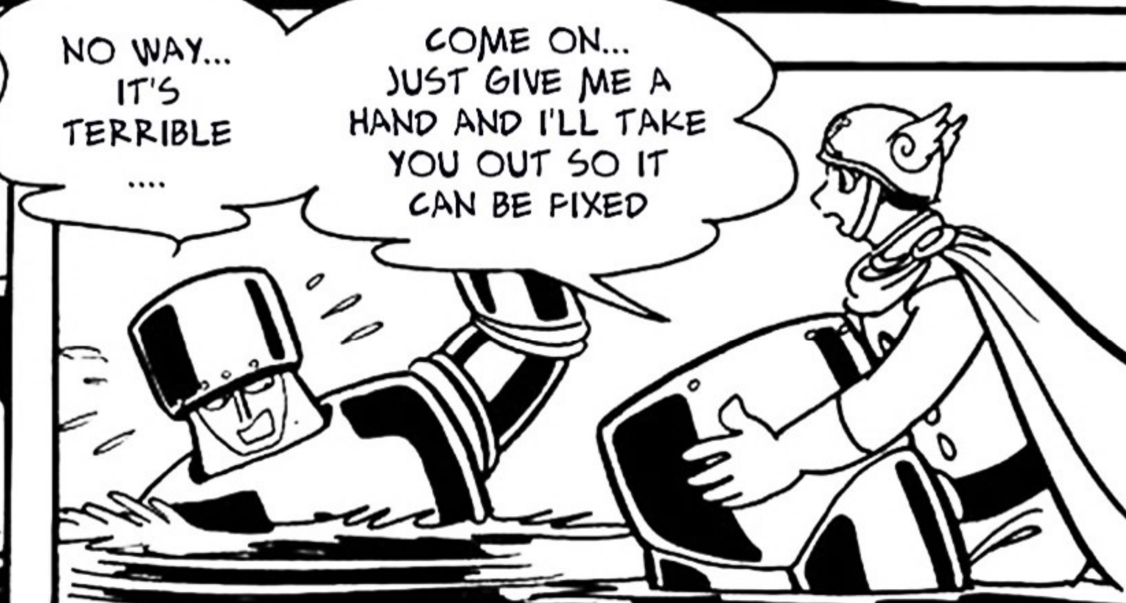




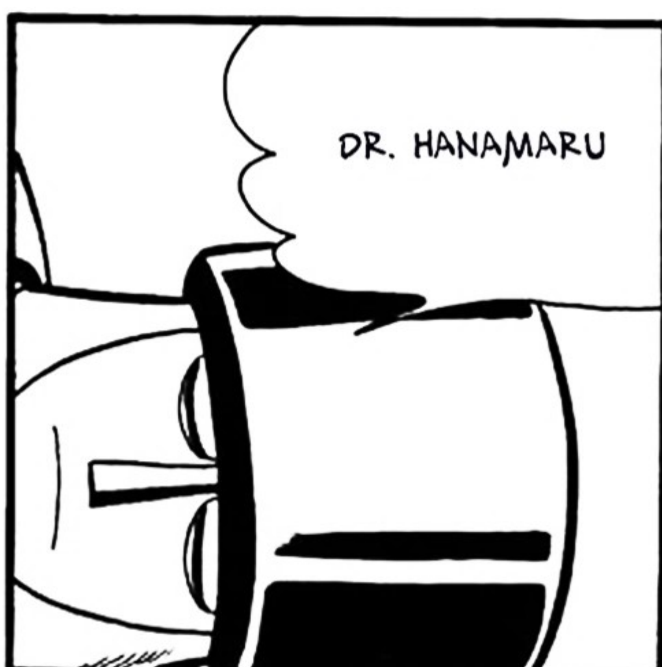


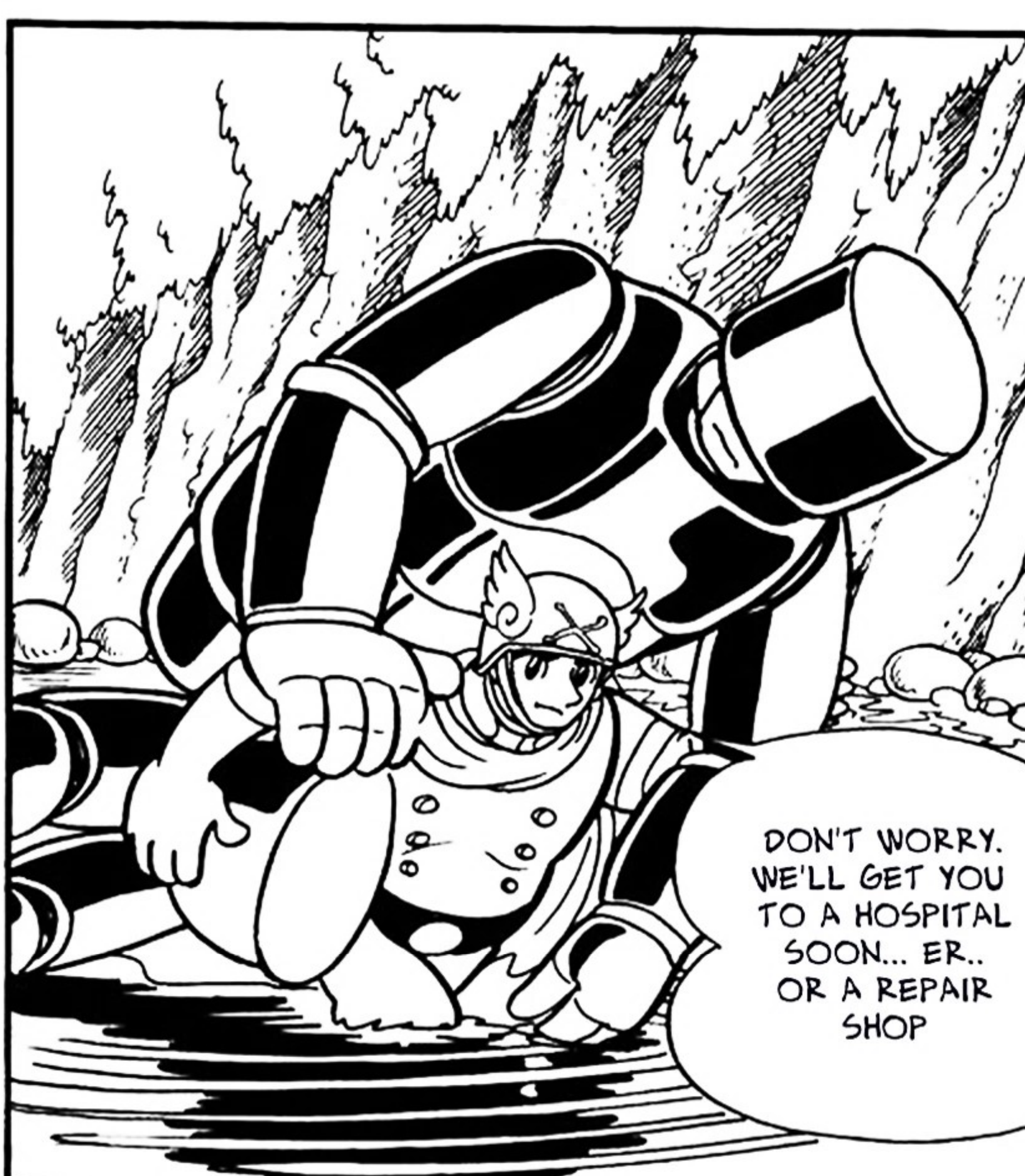

DON'T TOUCH MY LEGS. AND LEAVE ME ALONE
THE SCREWS IN YOUR TORSO MUST'VE COME LOOSE WHEN I HIT YOU WITH THAT PUNCH


YOU SHOULDN'T SEE ME IN SUCH A DISGUSTING STATE.


NO WAY... IT'S TERRIBLE ....
COME ON... JUST GIVE ME A HAND AND I'LL TAKE YOU OUT SO IT CAN BE FIXED


WHO GAVE YOU A BODY LIKE THIS HANS?


DR. HANAMARU


DON'T WORRY. WE'LL GET YOU TO A HOSPITAL SOON... ER.. OR A REPAIR SHOP

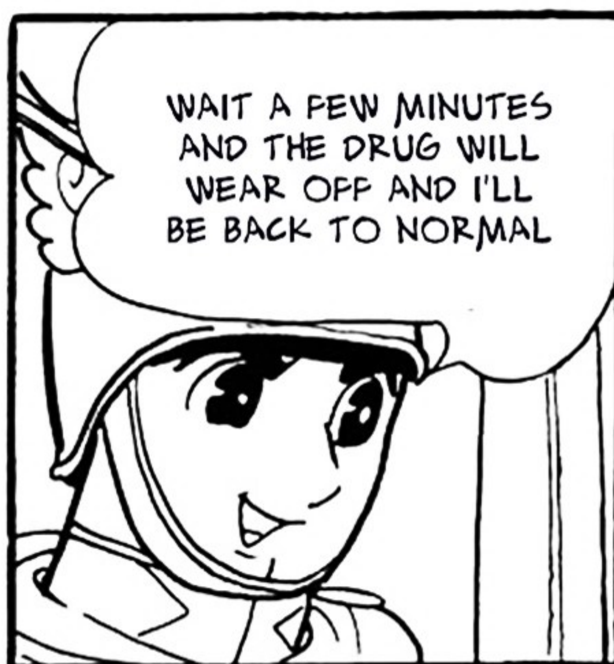

AKIRA!





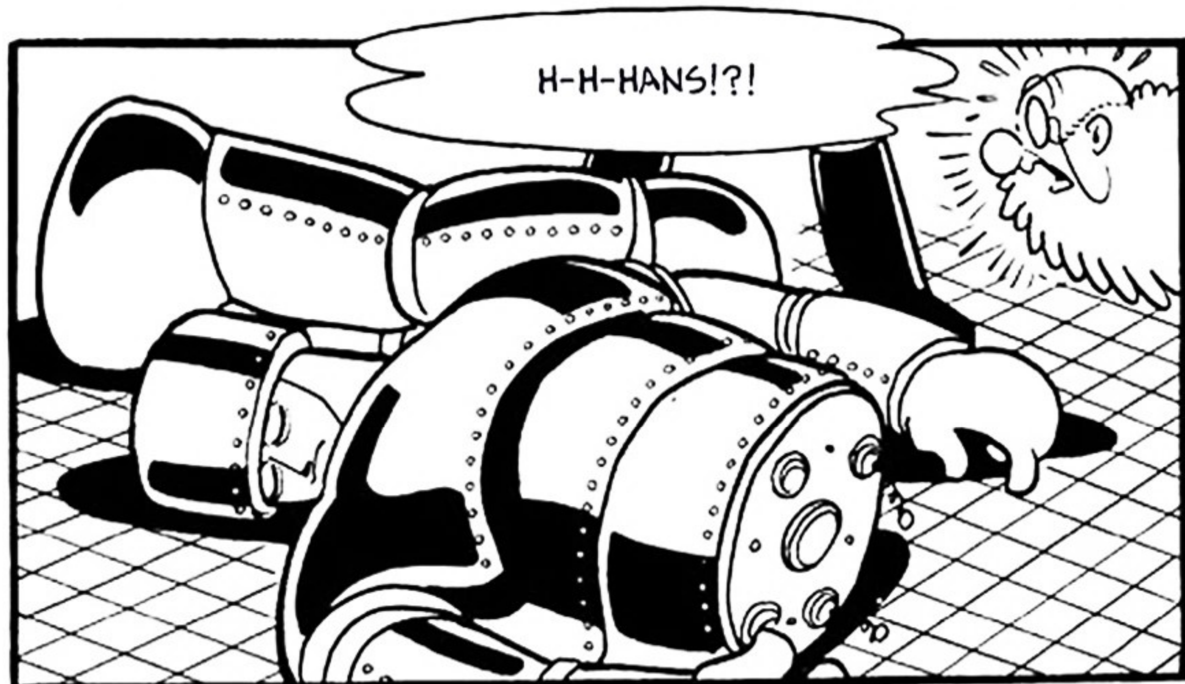

WELL IF IT ISN'T AKIRA! IT'S BEEN SO LONG!
DR. HANAMARU! IT HAS BEEN A WHILE!



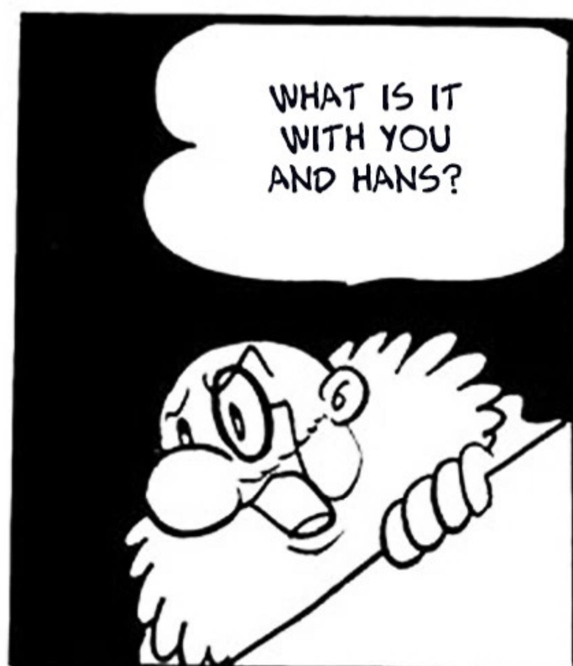

WAIT A FEW MINUTES AND THE DRUG WILL WEAR OFF AND I'LL BE BACK TO NORMAL

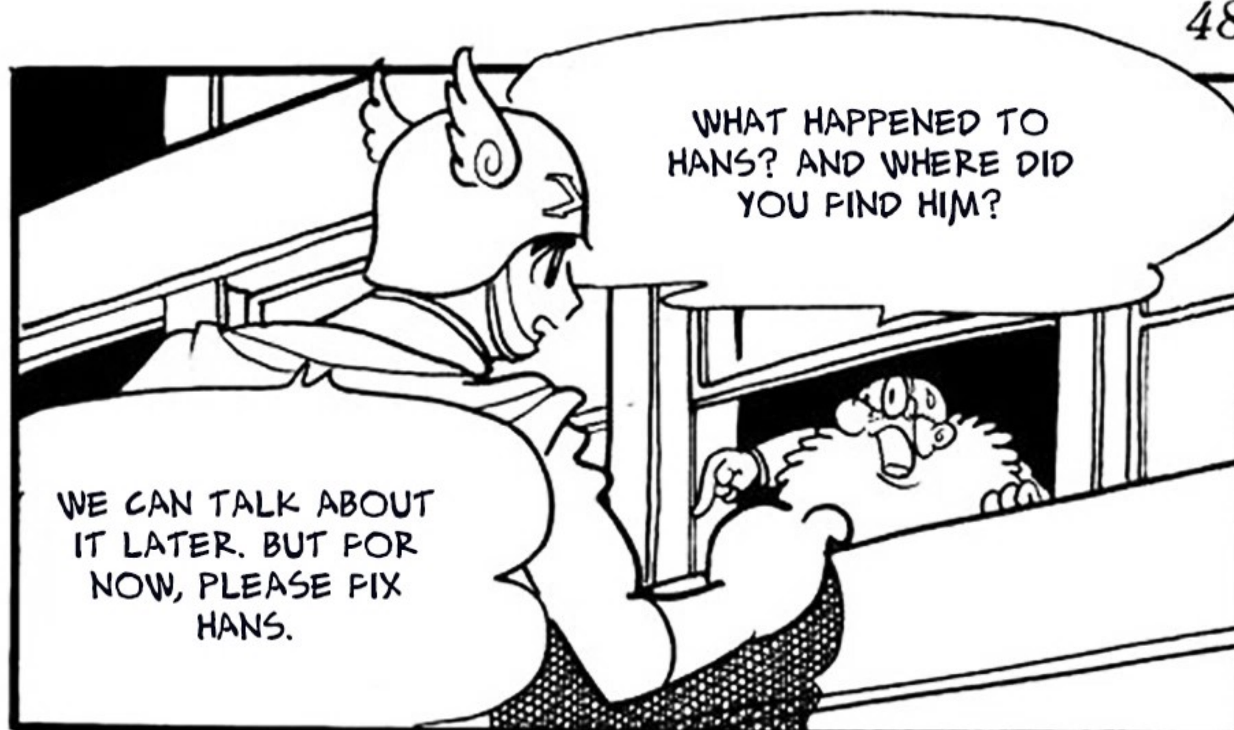

OH RIGHT... YOU WON'T FIT IN HERE


WHY DON'T YOU COME IN AND I'LL MAKE YOU SOME TEA


H-H-HANS!?!


BUT FIRST, WE NEED TO LOOK AT HANS

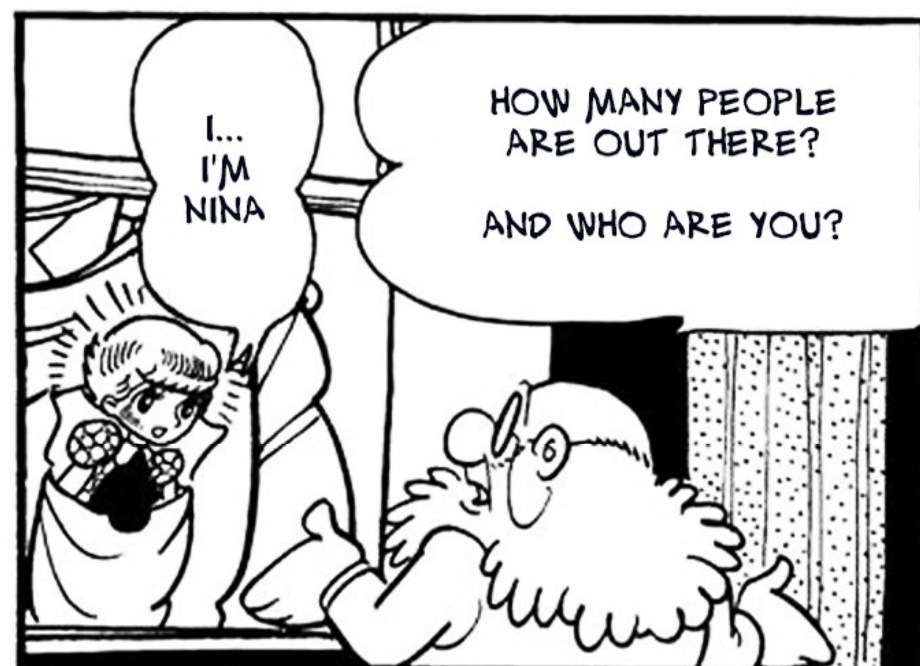

WHAT IS IT WITH YOU AND HANS?

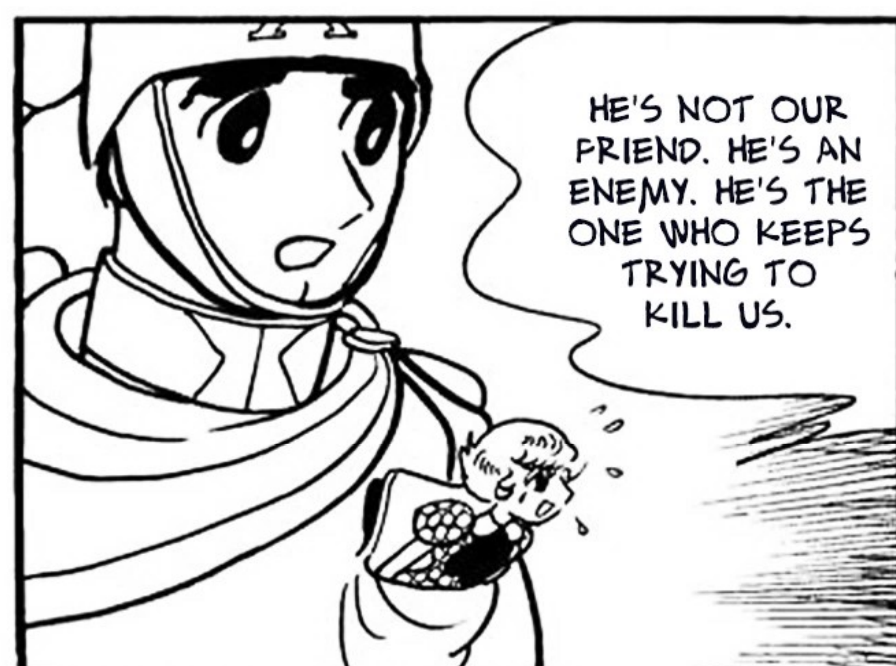

WHAT HAPPENED TO HANS? AND WHERE DID YOU FIND HIM?
WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT LATER. BUT FOR NOW, PLEASE FIX HANS.

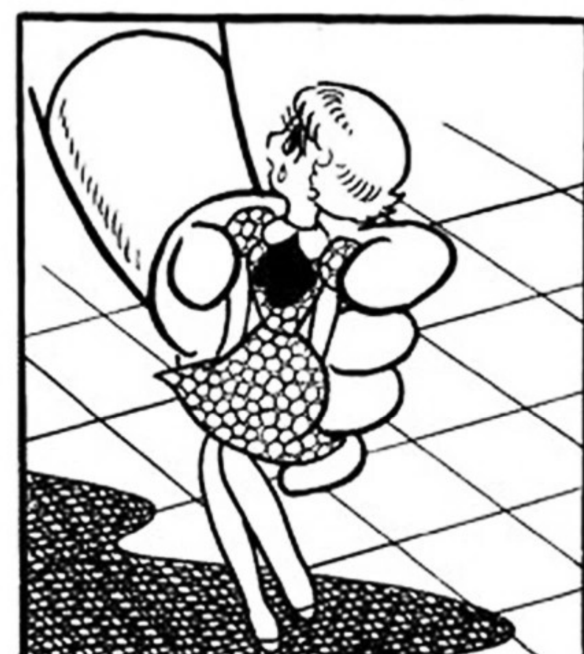

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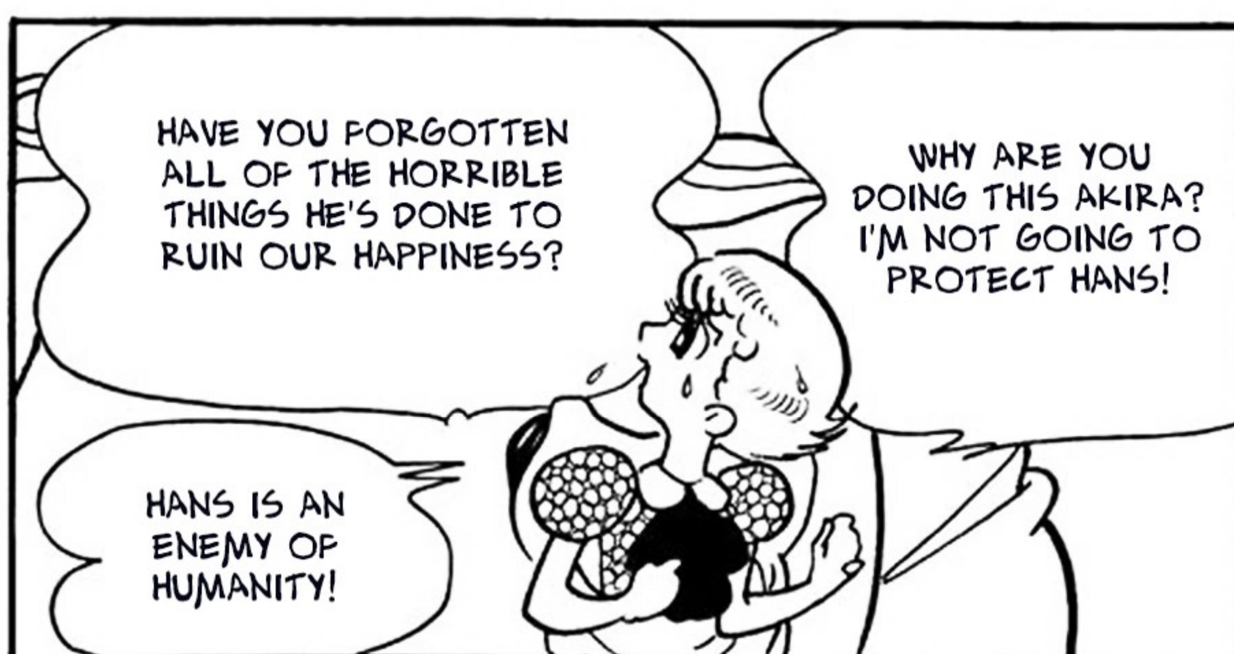

WE'RE FRIENDS


WELL .....


HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE OUT THERE?
AND WHO ARE YOU?
I... I'M NINA


HE'S NOT OUR FRIEND. HE'S AN ENEMY. HE'S THE ONE WHO KEEPS TRYING TO KILL US.

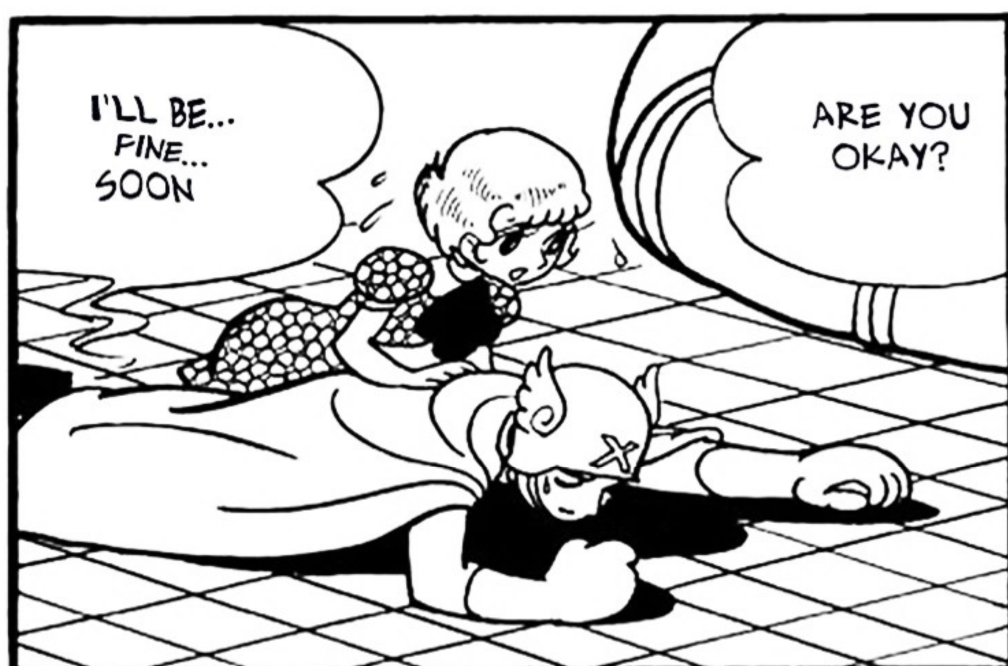


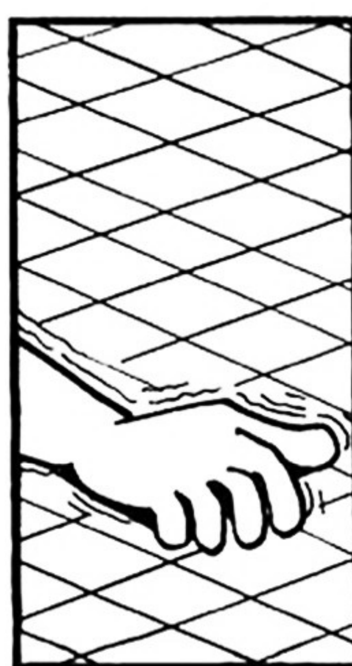

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS AKIRA? I'M NOT GOING TO PROTECT HANS!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ALL OF THE HORRIBLE THINGS HE'S DONE TO RUIN OUR HAPPINESS?
HANS IS AN ENEMY OF HUMANITY!


YOU'RE RUNNING OUT OF STEAM AKIRA


OOH


I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL BAD FOR HANS


ARE YOU OKAY?
I'LL BE... FINE... SOON



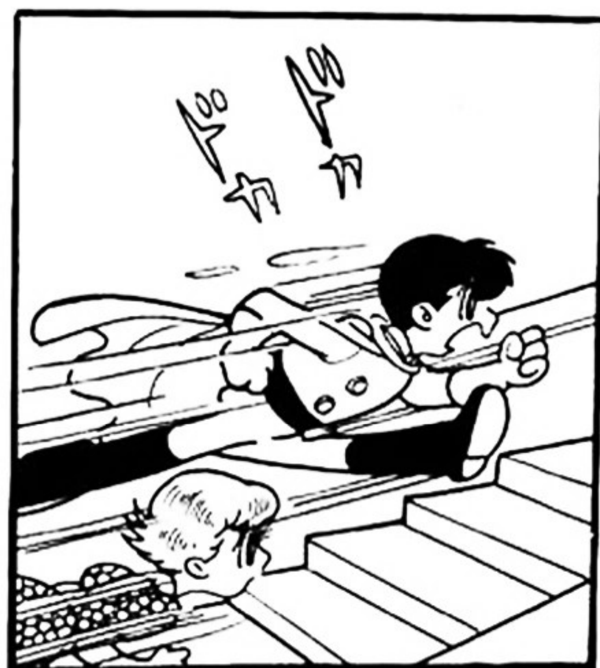


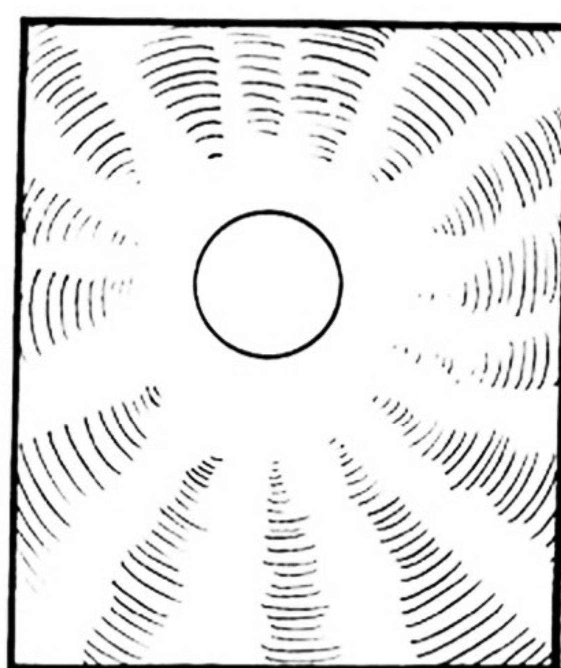

NOON!


LUNCH? IT'S NOON?

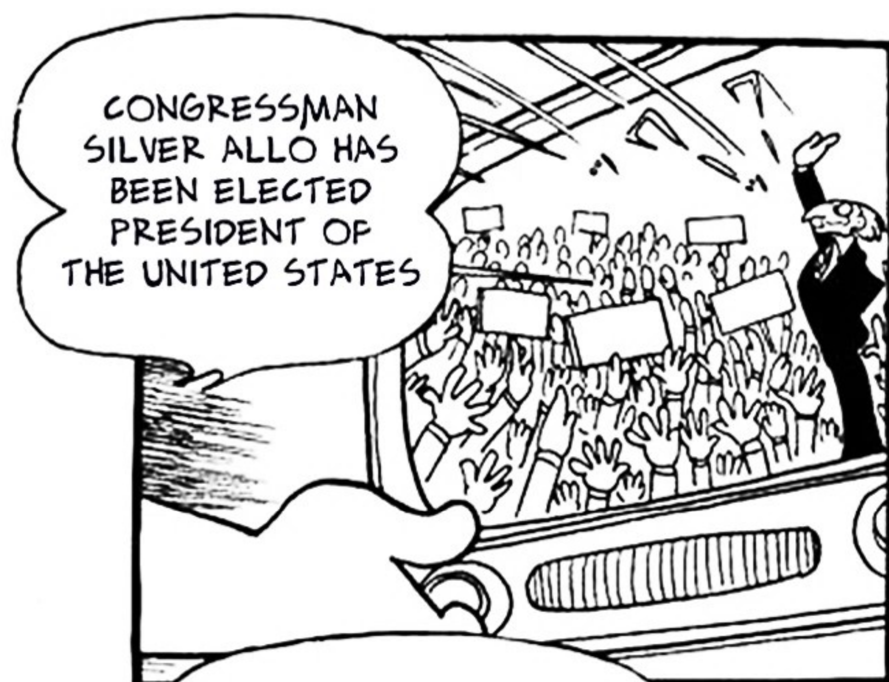

ALL RIGHTY. NOW THAT WE'RE BACK ON TRACK, LET'S HAVE LUNCH AND I'LL LISTEN TO YOUR STORY


PHEW...



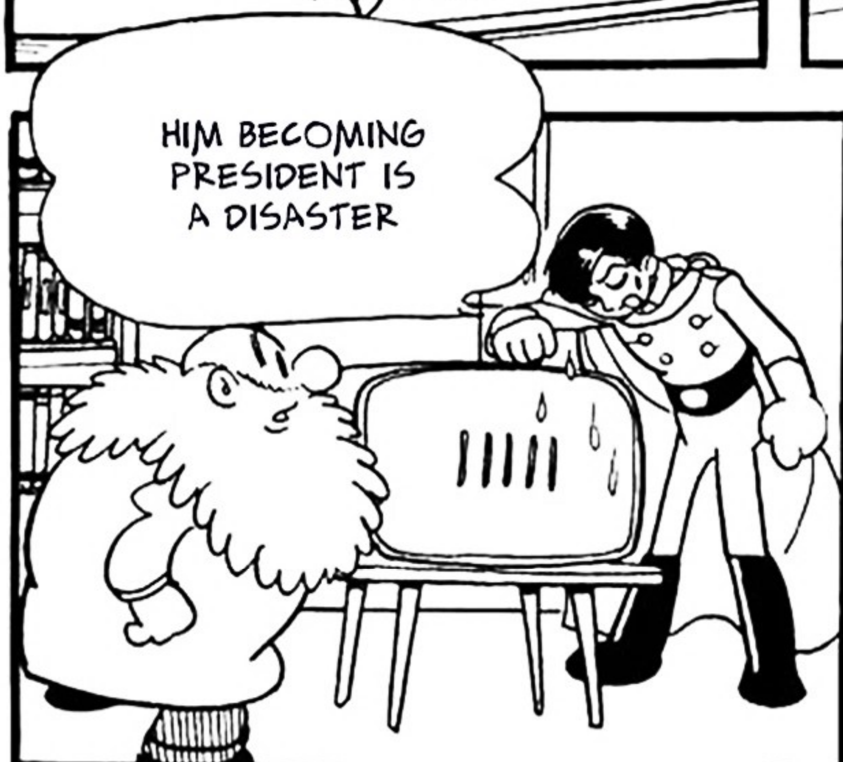



OH SHIT!


CONGRESSMAN SILVER ALLO HAS BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES


NO SIR... DOCTOR, TURN ON THE TV!


WHAT'S WRONG? WHEN I SAID "NOON" YOU RAN OUT OF THE HOUSE.
I'M HUNGRY... AREN'T YOU HUNGRY?

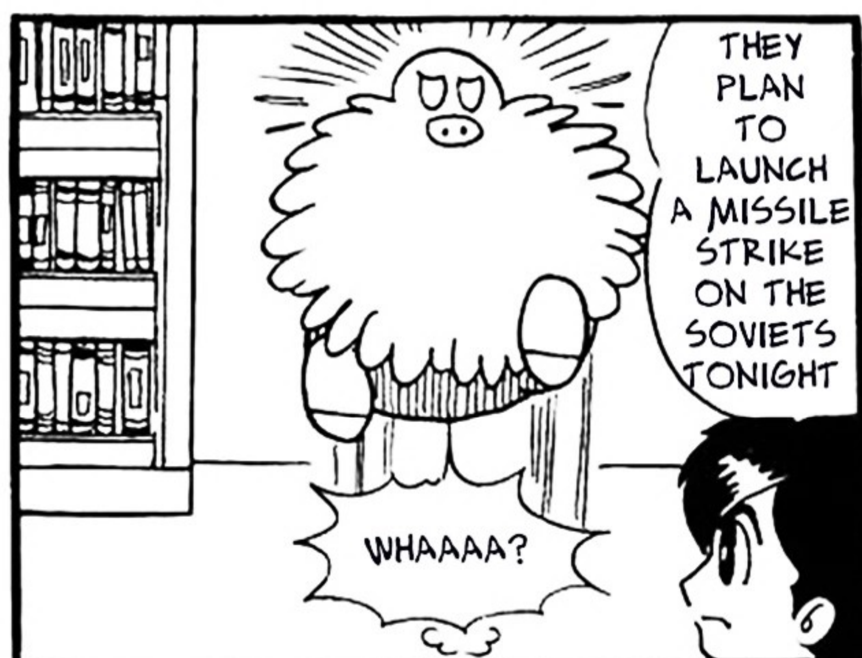

HIM BECOMING PRESIDENT IS A DISASTER

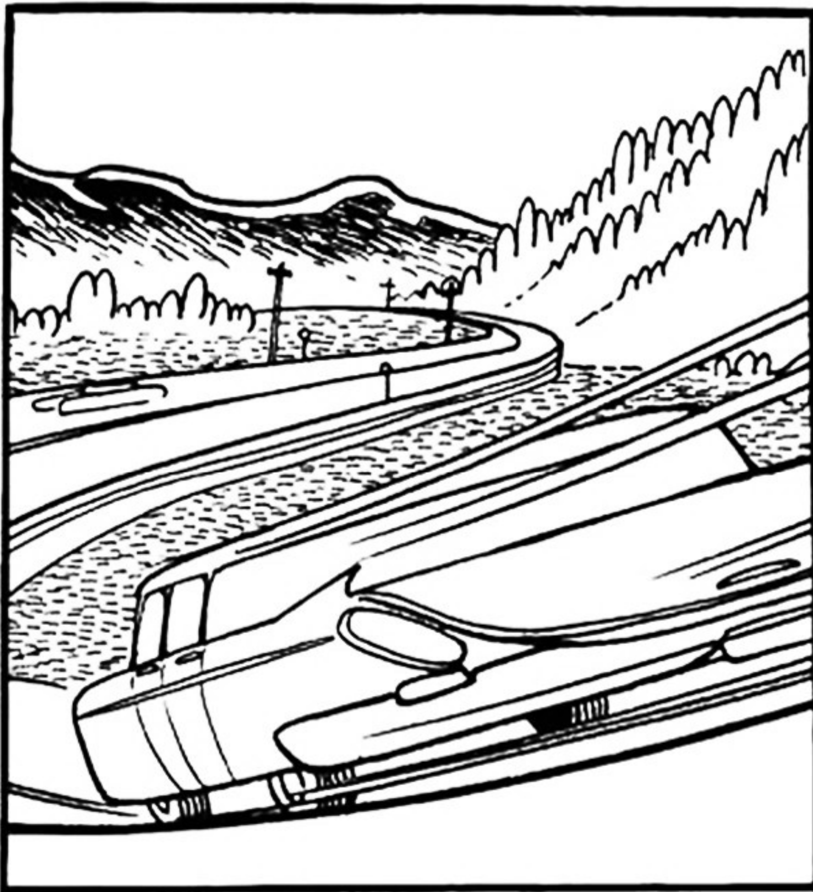

I'M TOO LATE ...



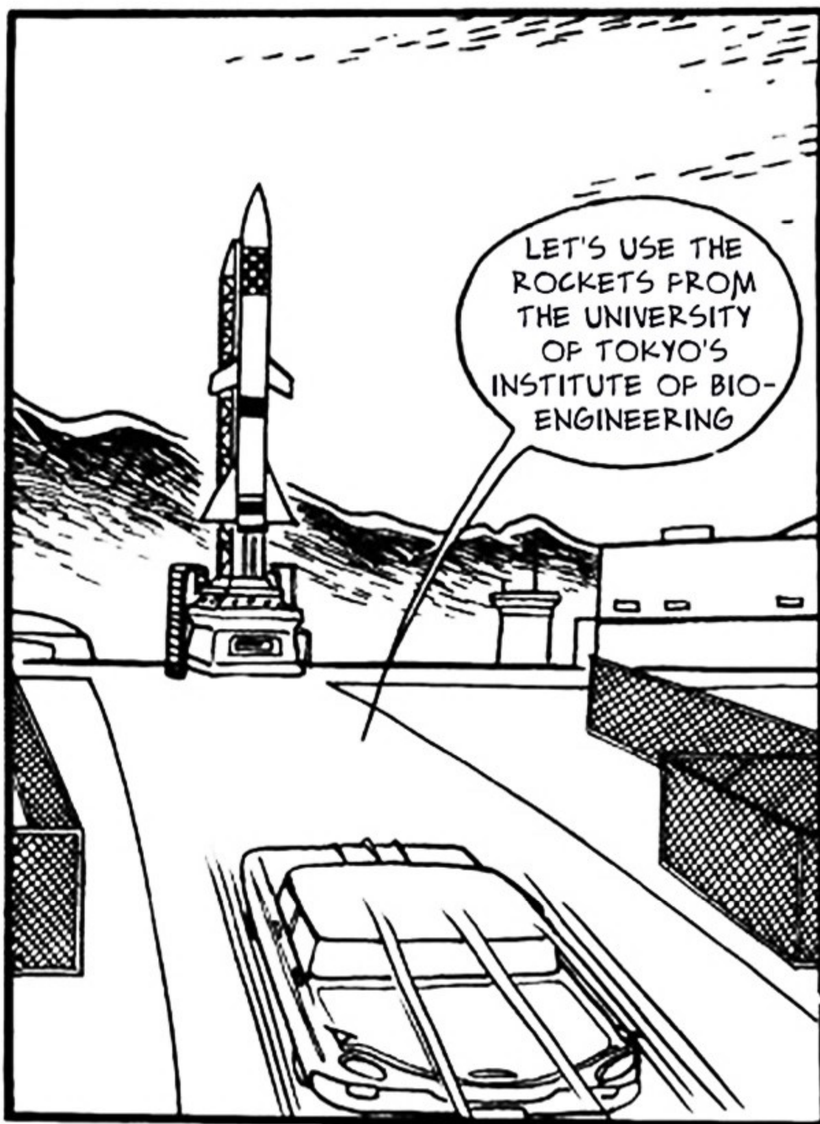

I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT POLITICS.
WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING TO HAPPEN WITH MR. SILVER AS PRESIDENT?

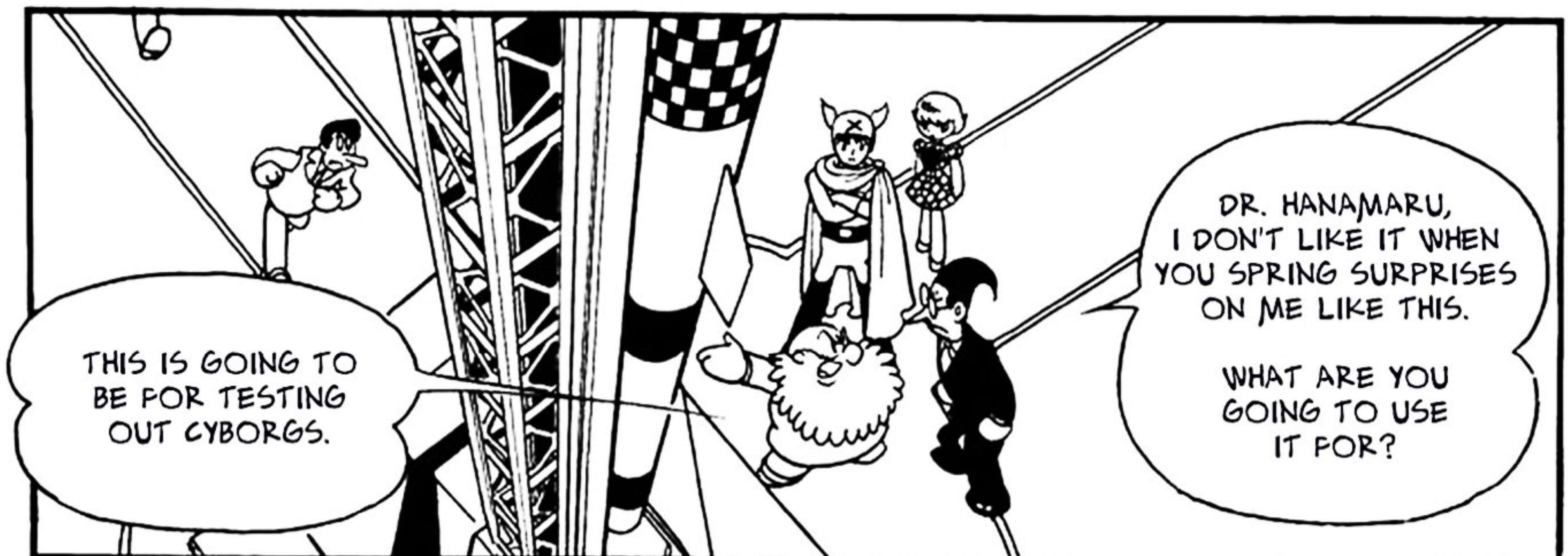

MR. SILVER IS A PAWN IN THE CABAL KNOWN AS THE CROSS PARTY


THEY PLAN TO LAUNCH A MISSILE STRIKE ON THE SOVIETS TONIGHT
WHAAAA?




I'M GOING TO NEED THE POWER OF BIG X TO CRUSH THIS CONSPIRACY! THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE. I HAVE TO GET TO THE U.S. BEFORE SILVER GIVES THE ORDER TO FIRE THOSE MISSILES!
OKAY THEN! I'LL HELP ALL I CAN!

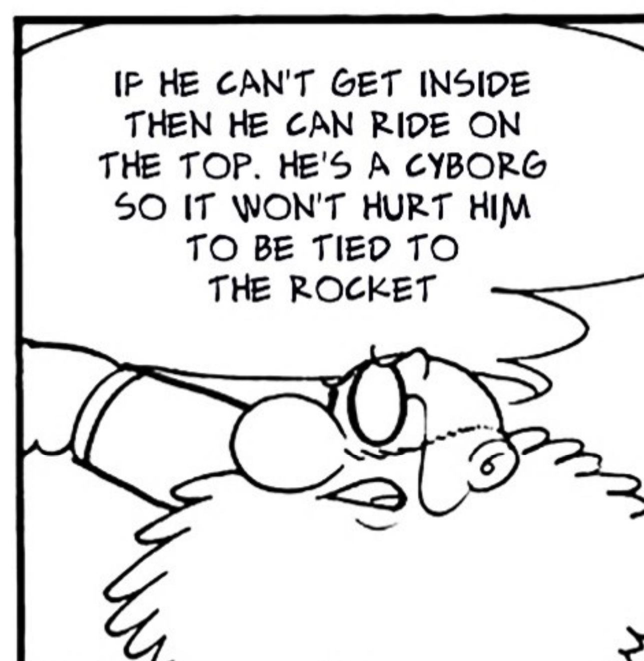

LET'S USE THE ROCKETS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO'S INSTITUTE OF BIO-ENGINEERING


DR. HANAMARU, I DON'T LIKE IT WHEN YOU SPRING SURPRISES ON ME LIKE THIS.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO USE IT FOR?
THIS IS GOING TO BE FOR TESTING OUT CYBORGS.


FIRST OF ALL, IT'S TOO SMALL FOR A HUMAN TO FIT IN


BUT I CAN'T
I HAVE MY REASONS FOR RUNING THE TEST RIGHT AWAY AND I NEED YOU TO SET IT UP IMMEDIATELY


WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR "BUTS" OR NAVELS OR ANYTHING ELSE. HURRY UP AND GET IT OUT THERE, BECAUSE WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!
BUT .....


IF HE CAN'T GET INSIDE THEN HE CAN RIDE ON THE TOP. HE'S A CYBORG SO IT WON'T HURT HIM TO BE TIED TO THE ROCKET

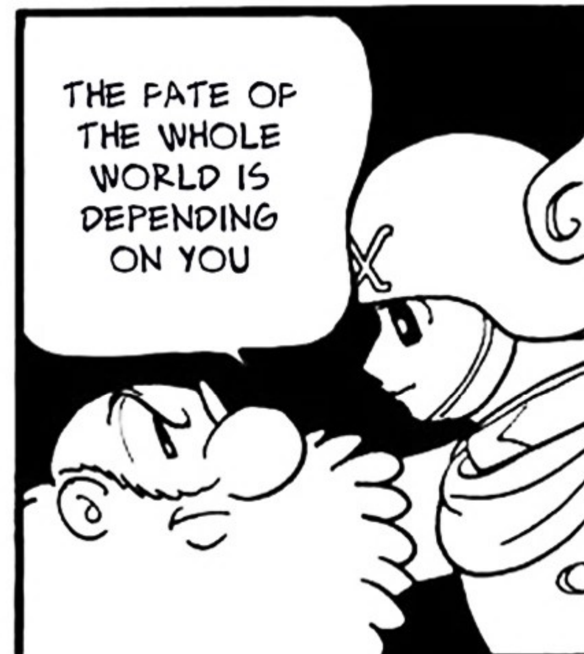

DOCTOR! THANK YOU!
COME ON AKIRA!

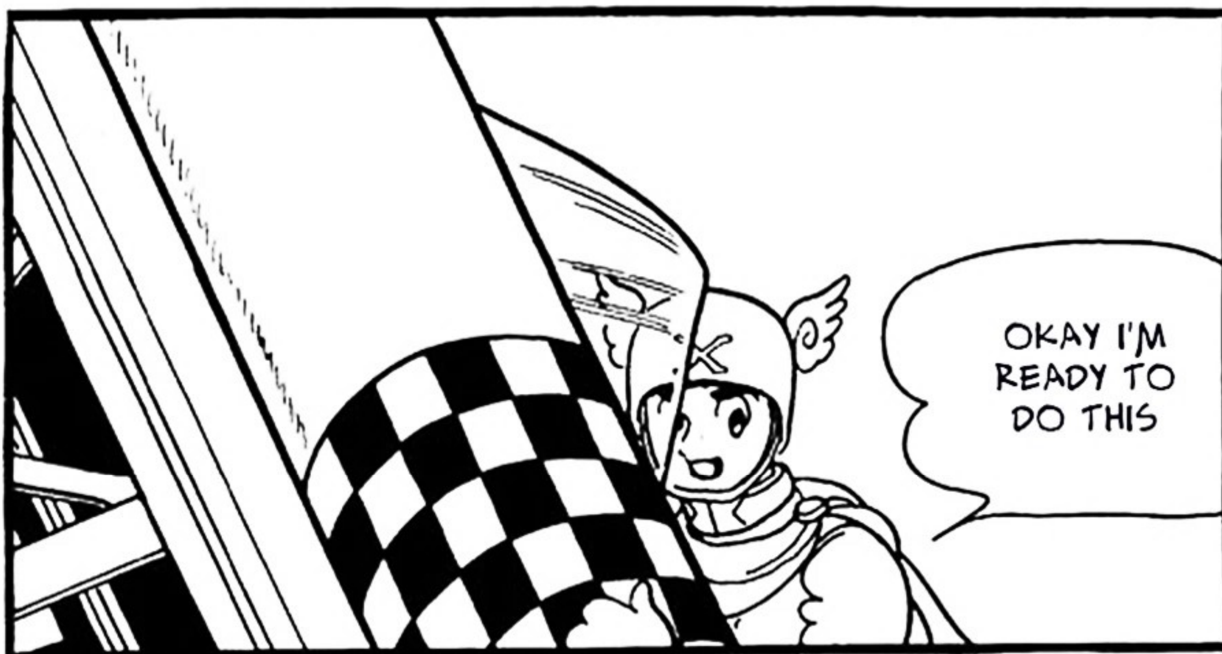

FINE! I DON'T GET IT, BUT LET'S GET GOING
GET PREPARED TO FIRE!


PLEASE... IF WE DON'T DO THIS NOW, WE'LL ALL BE IN BIG TROUBLE

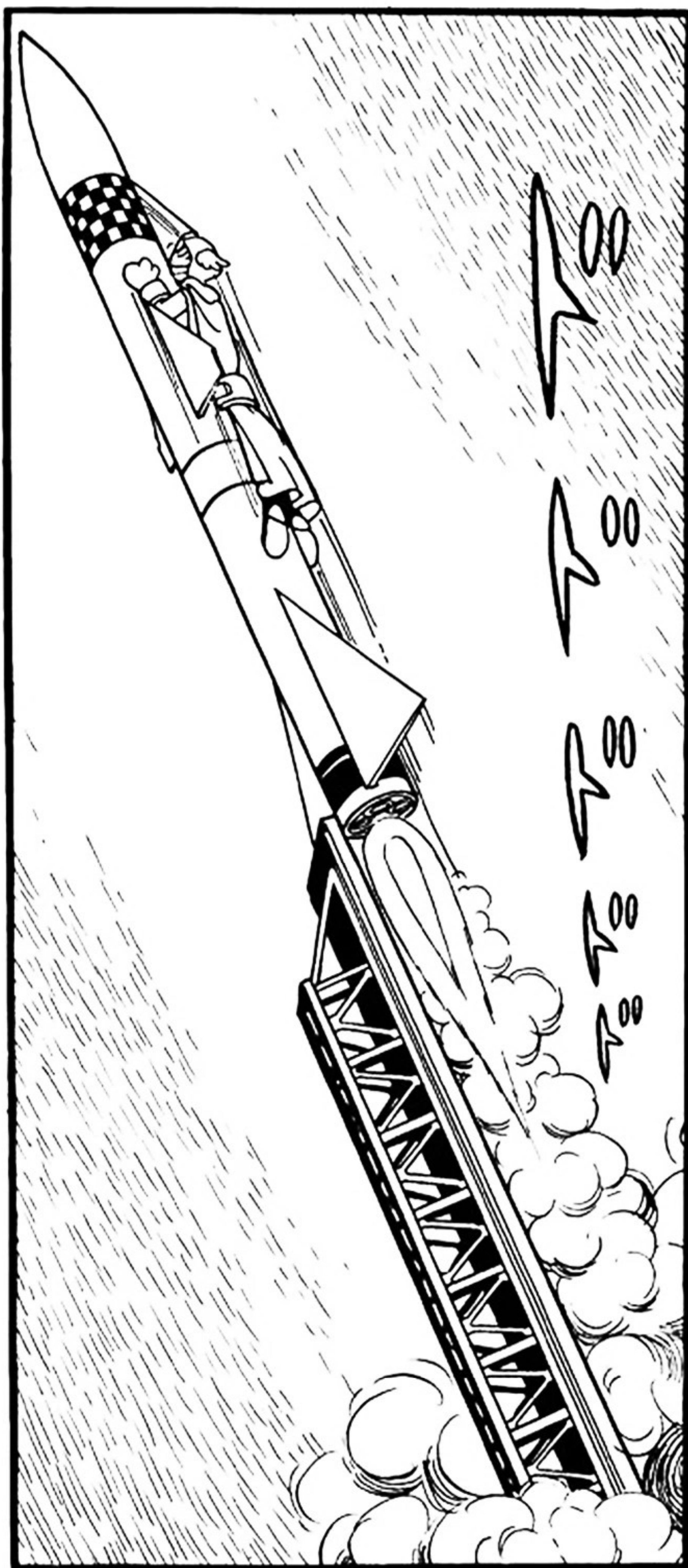


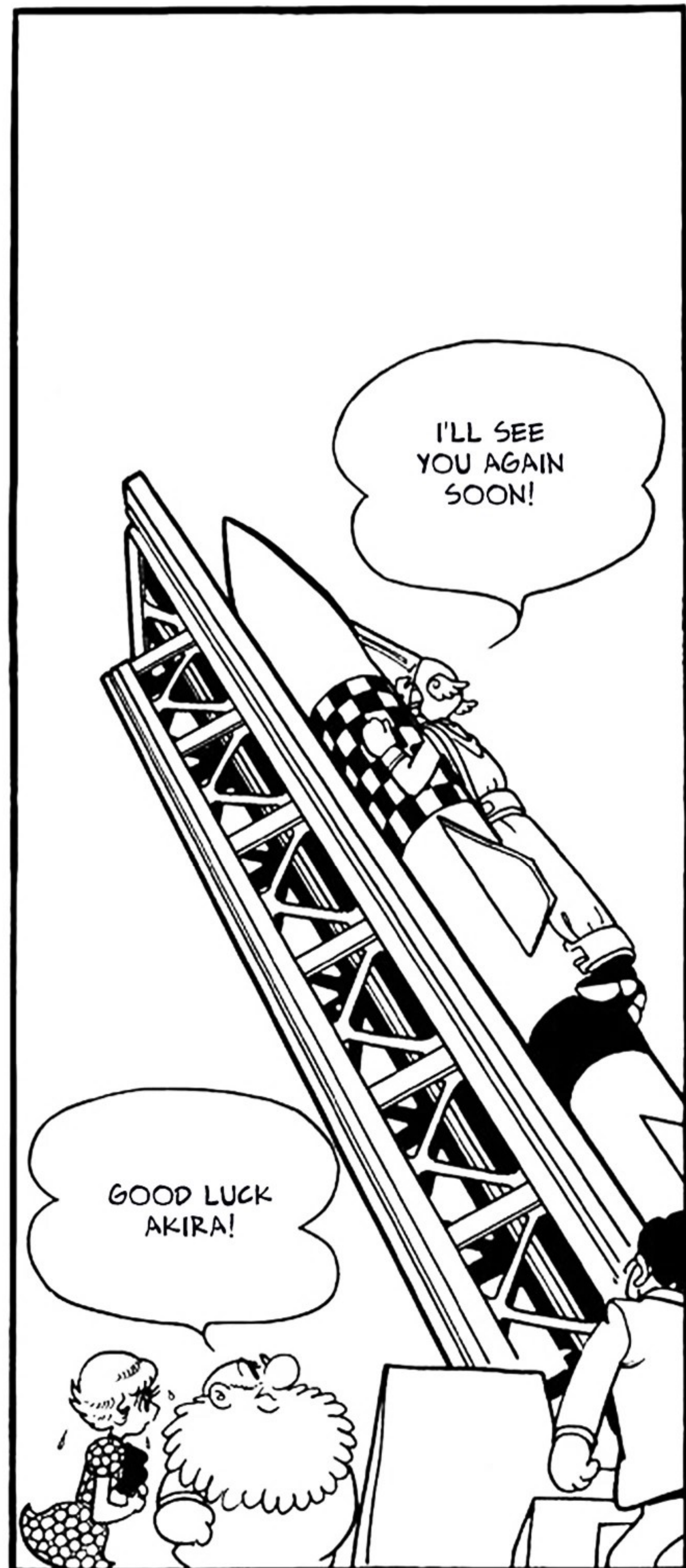

AKIRA... THE DRUG

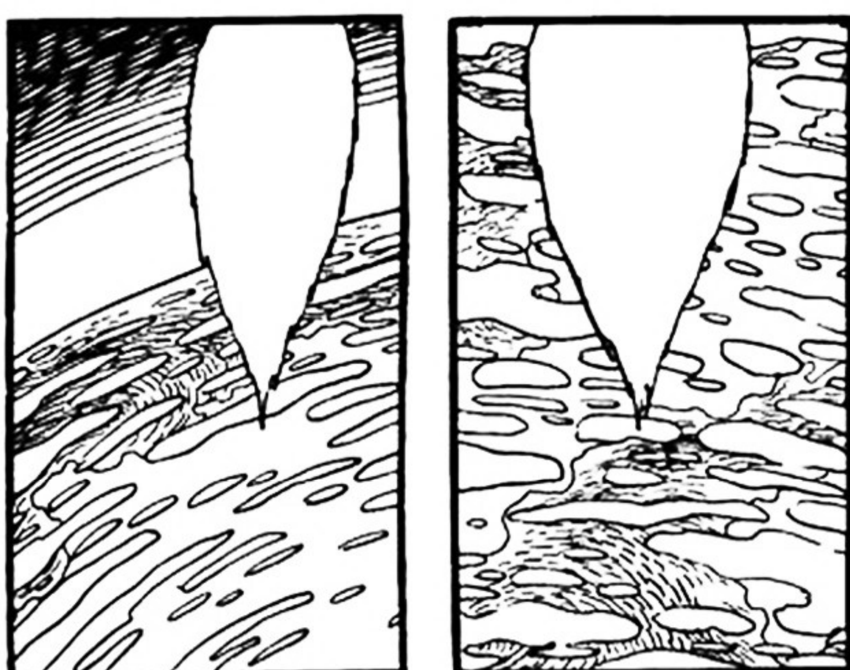

THE FATE OF THE WHOLE WORLD IS DEPENDING ON YOU

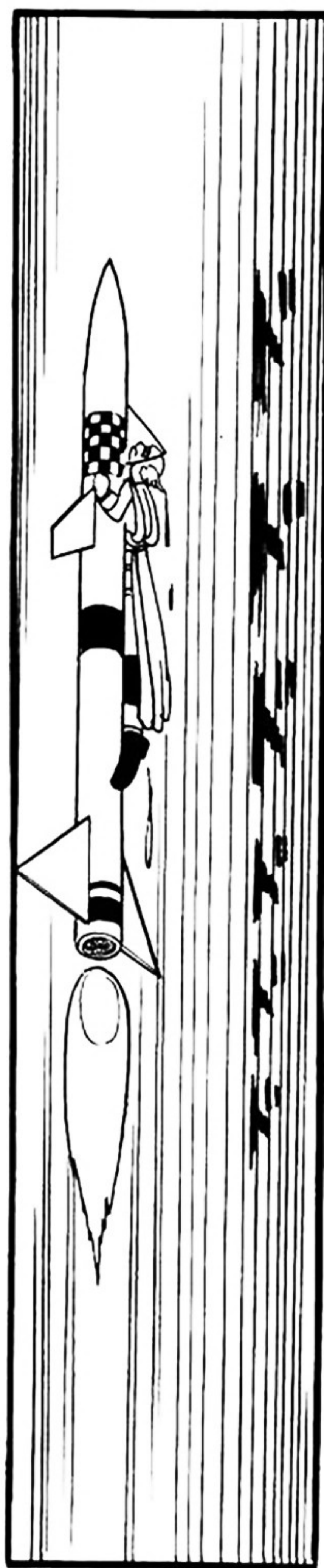

OKAY I'M READY TO DO THIS


I'LL TAKE IT TO THE SECOND NOTCH ON THE SCALE

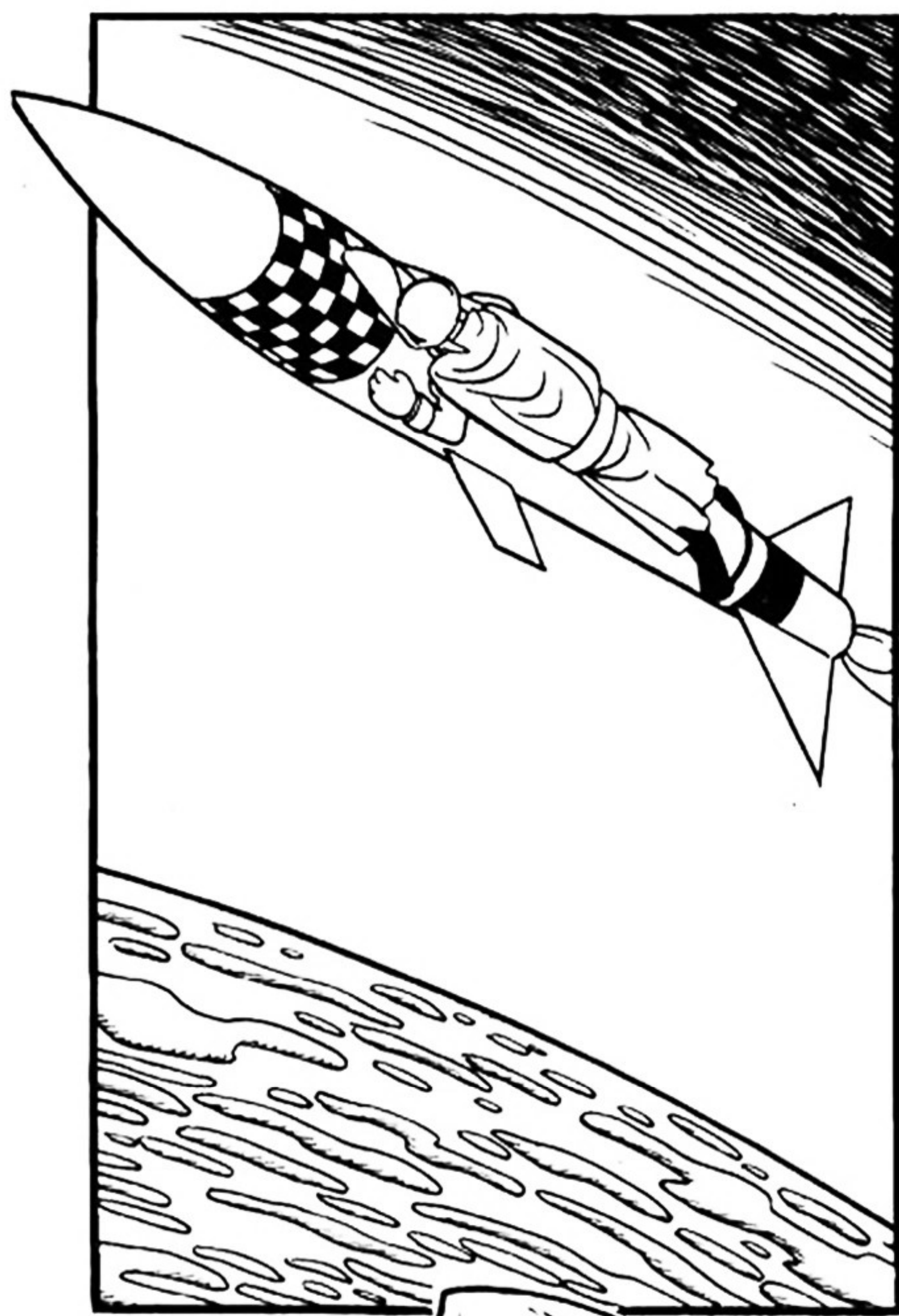


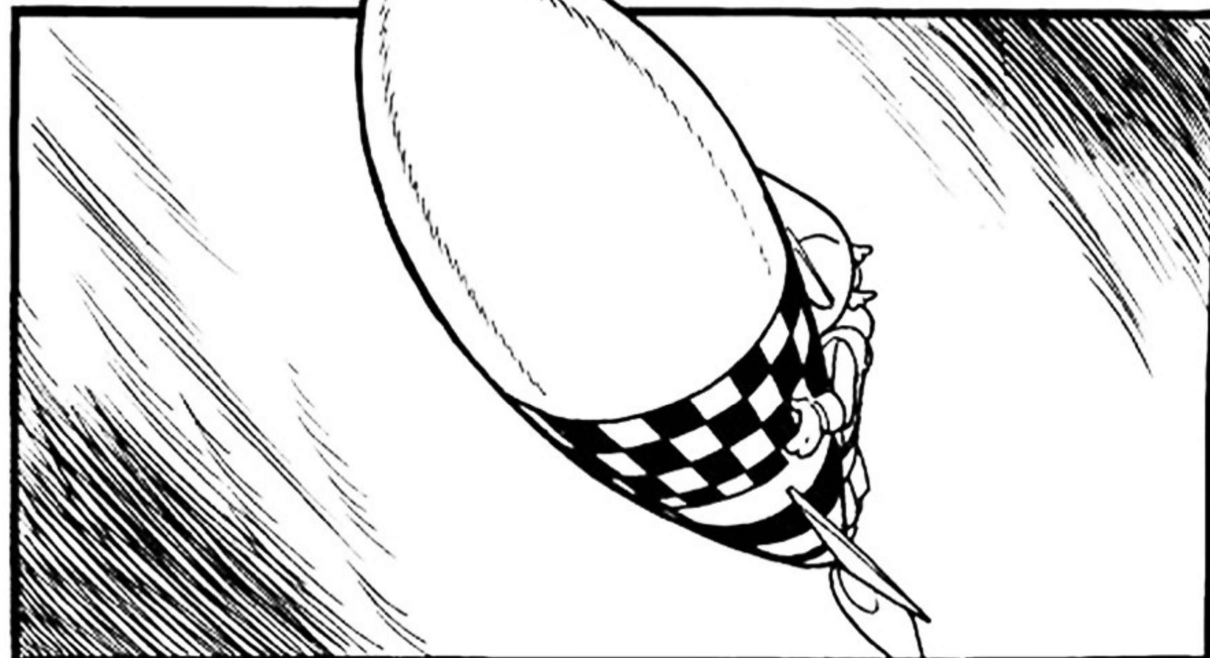

I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN SOON!
GOOD LUCK AKIRA!

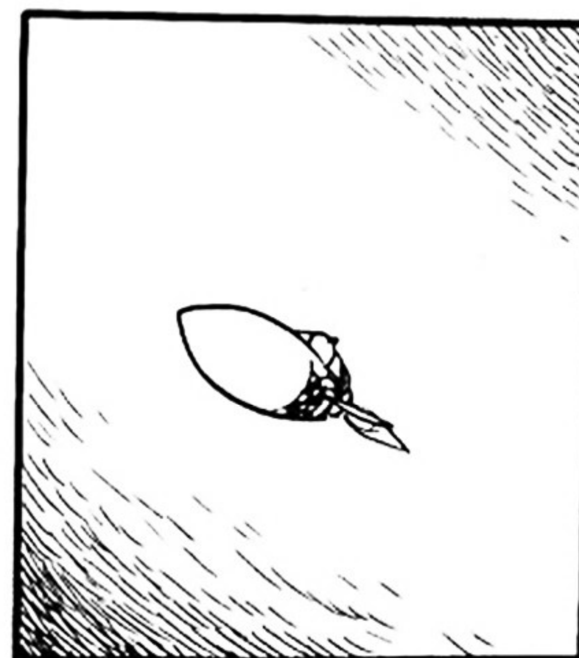



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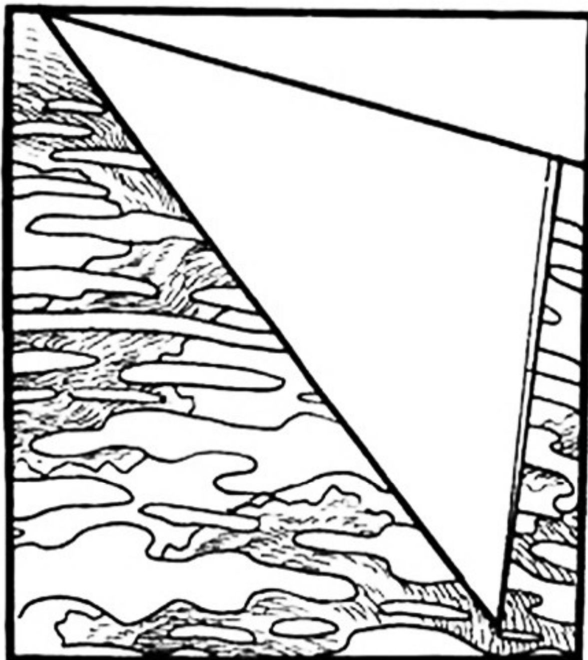


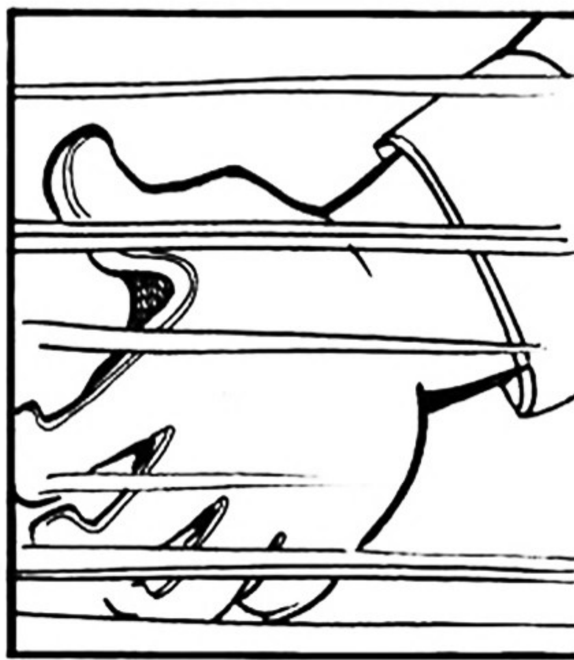


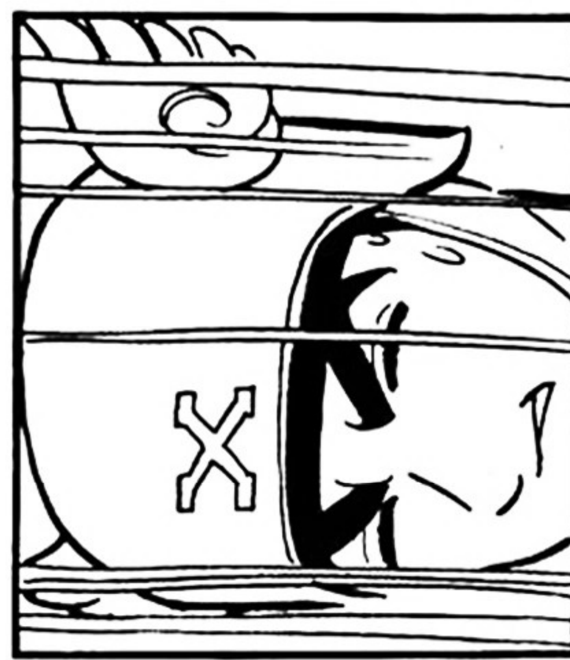


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CAPE BARBERA

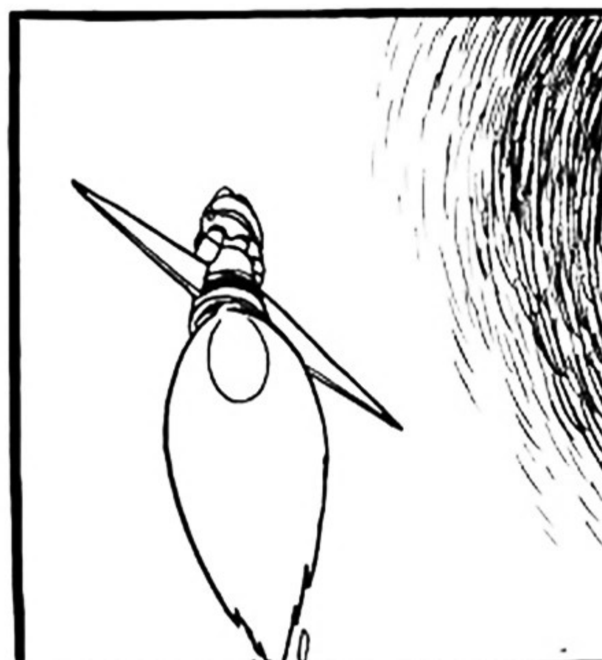


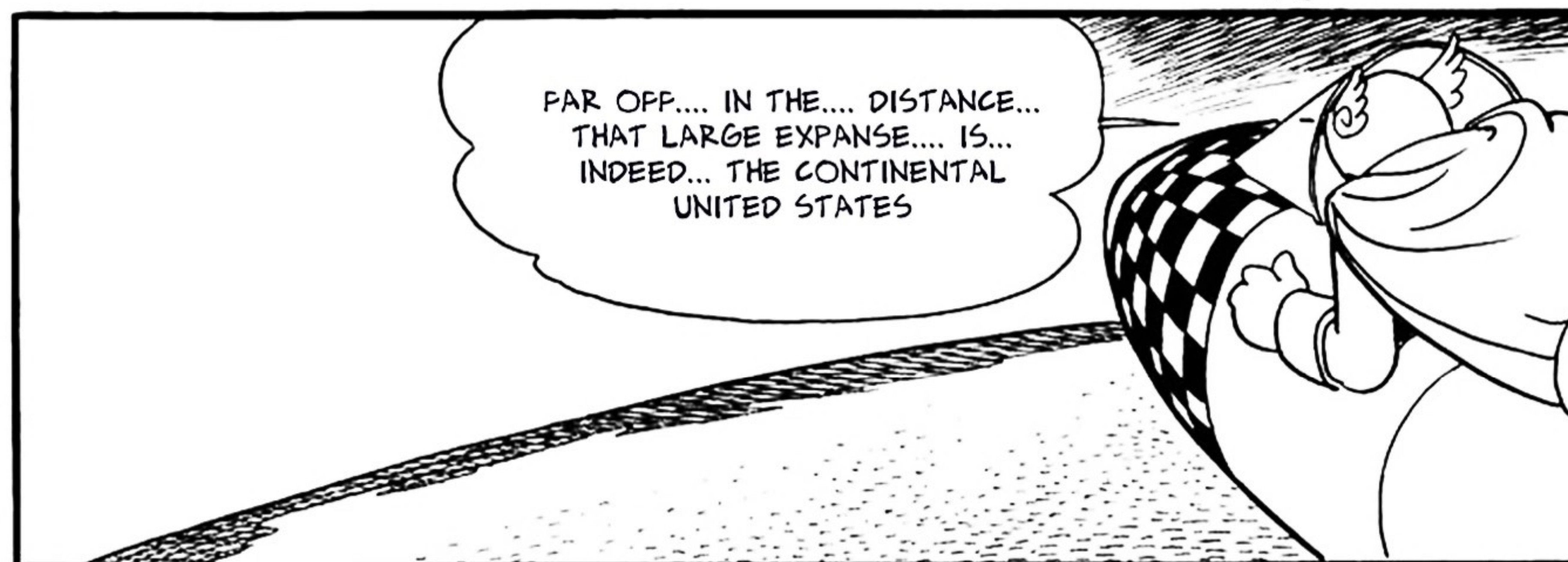


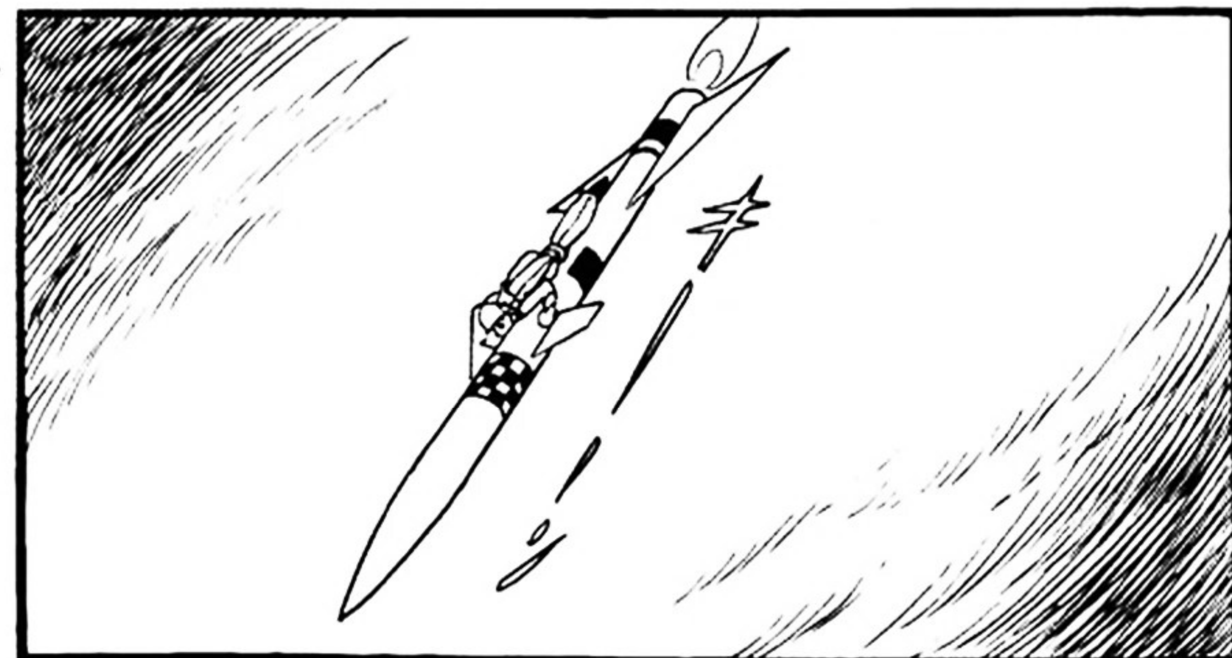



I'VE BEEN UP HERE FOR A WHILE AND THE ROCKET IS AT A DESCENT ANGLE

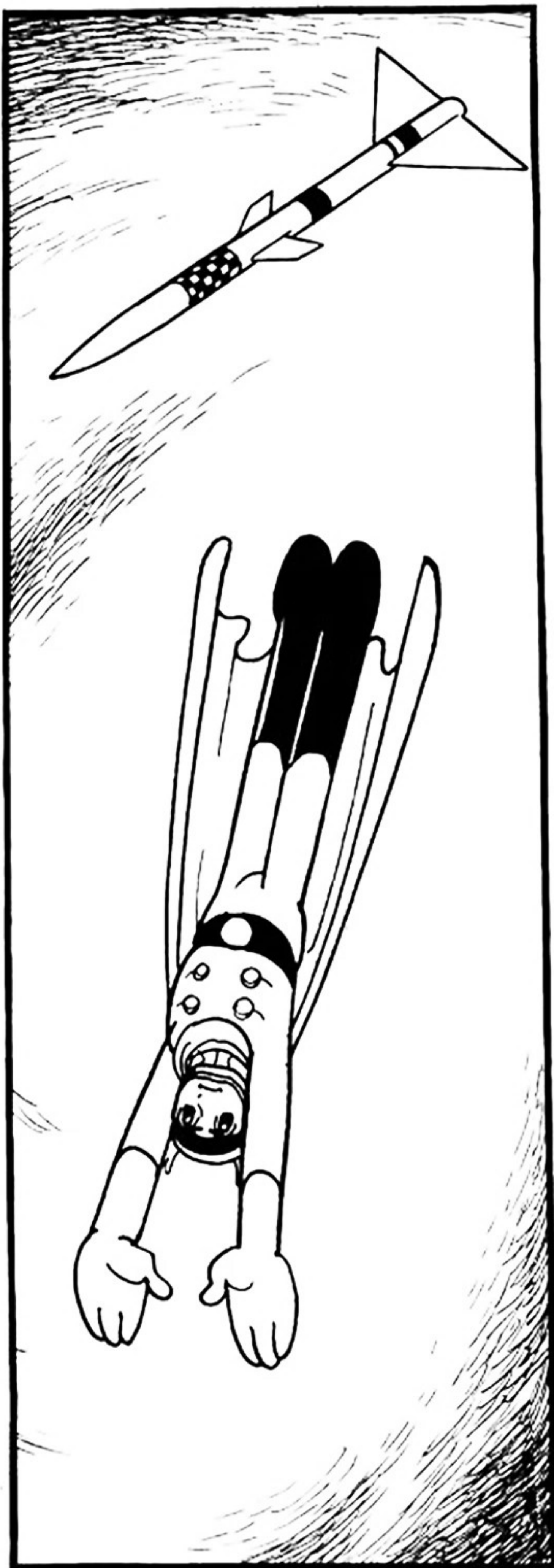

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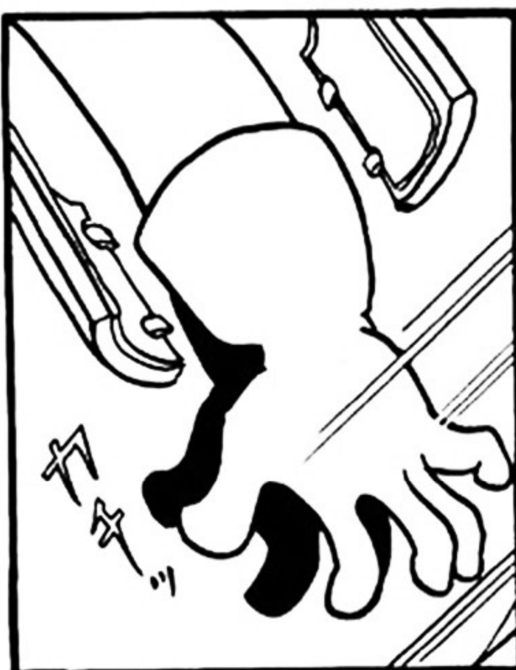


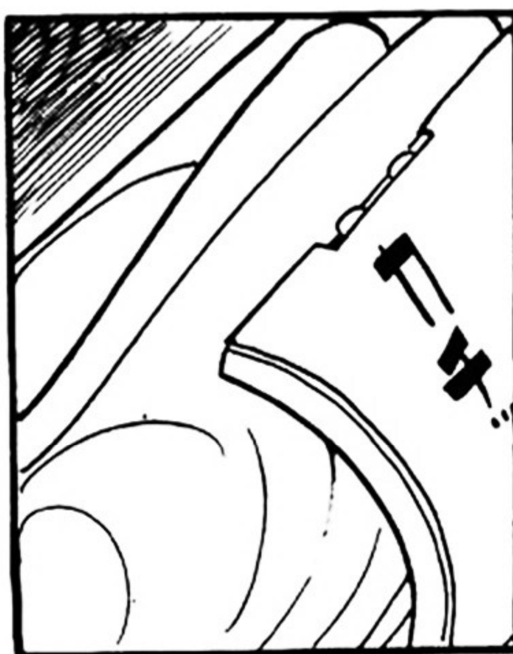

FAR OFF.... IN THE.... DISTANCE... THAT LARGE EXPANSE.... IS... INDEED... THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES



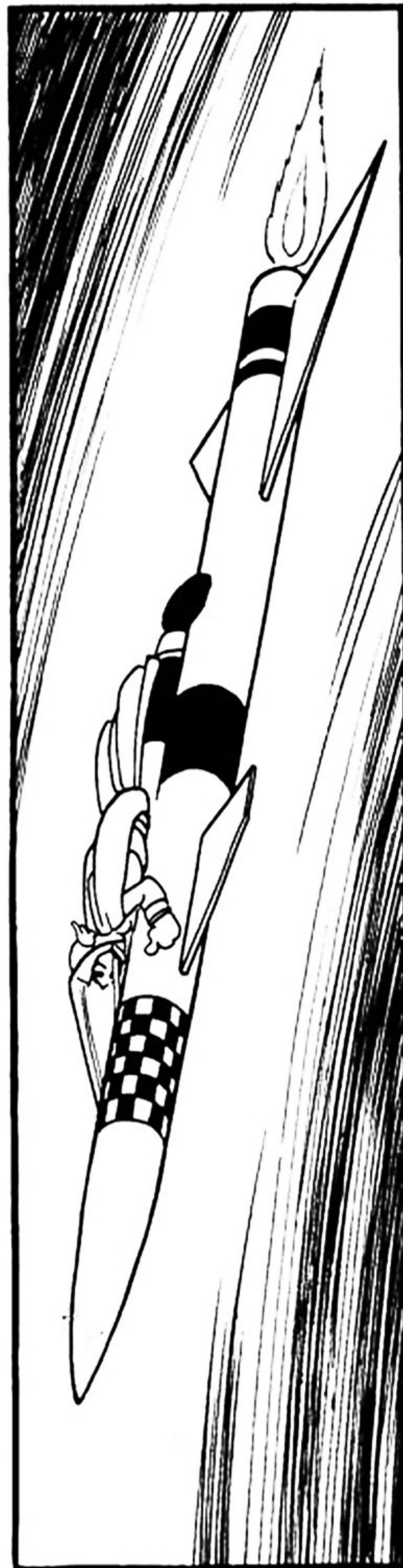

IF RADAR DETECTS ME, I'M DEAD
I HOPE I'M DROPPING AROUND HERE

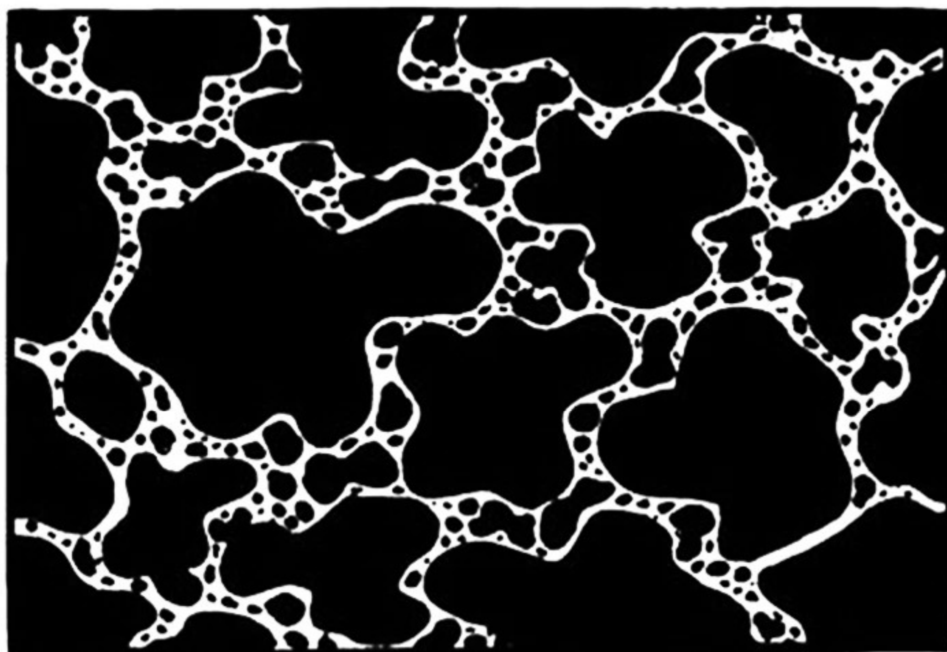


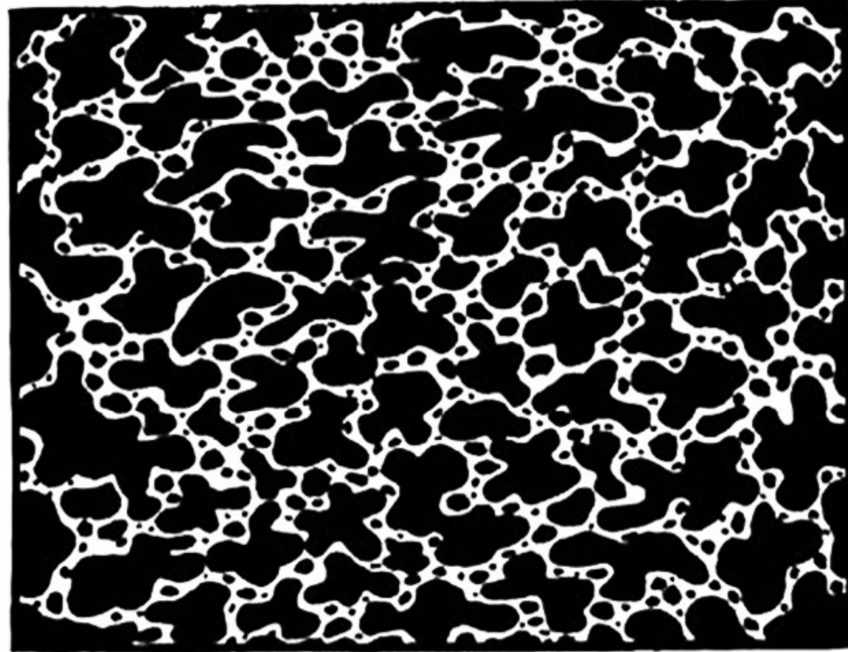

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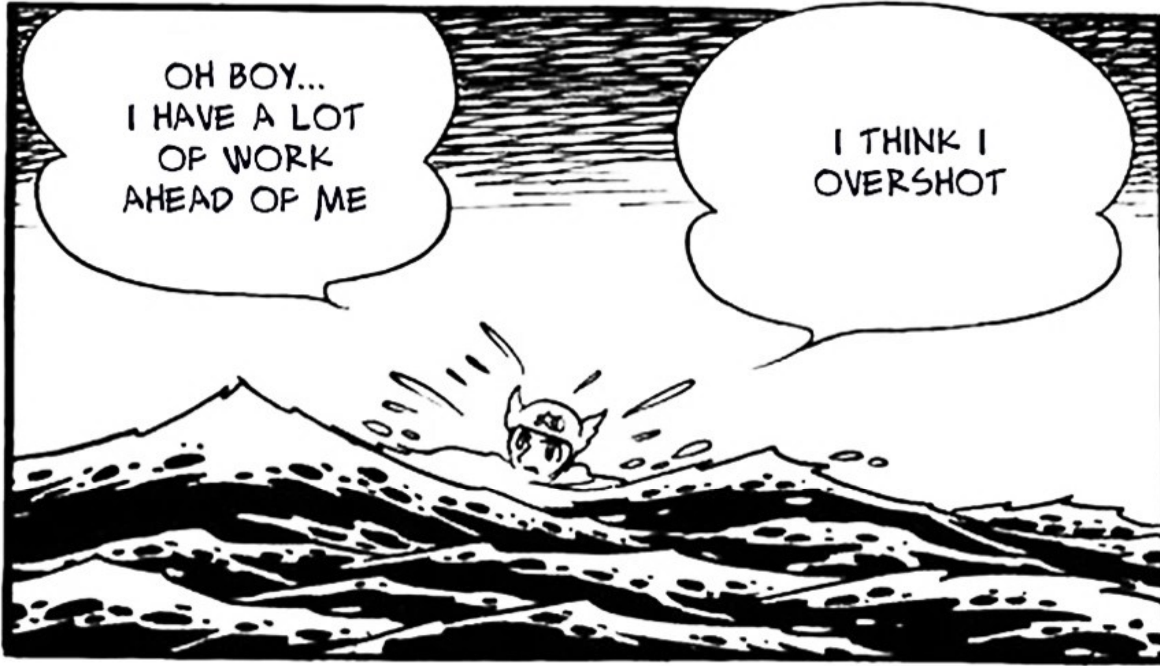


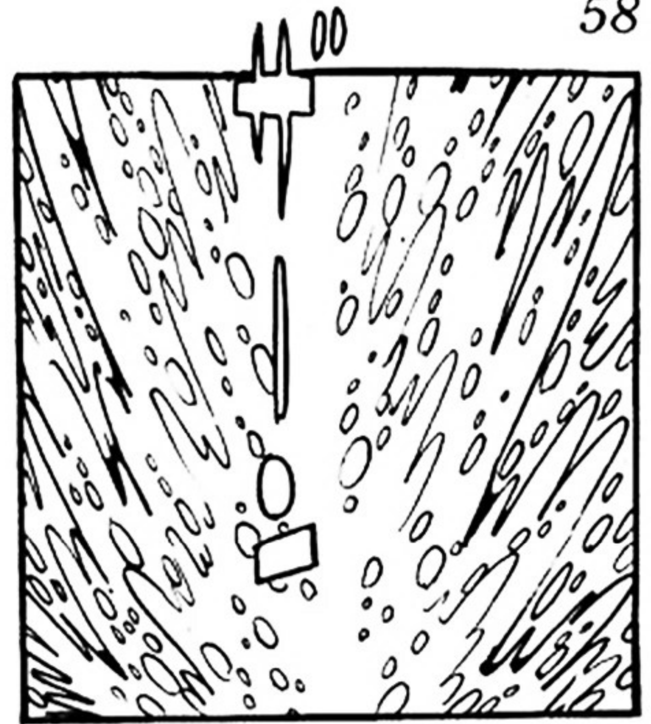

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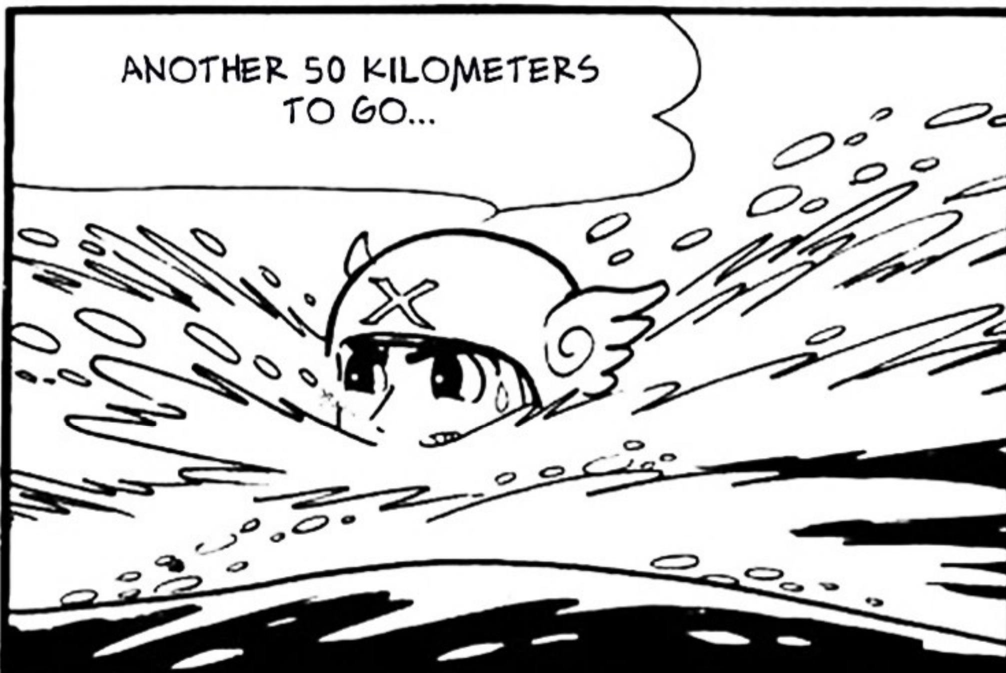




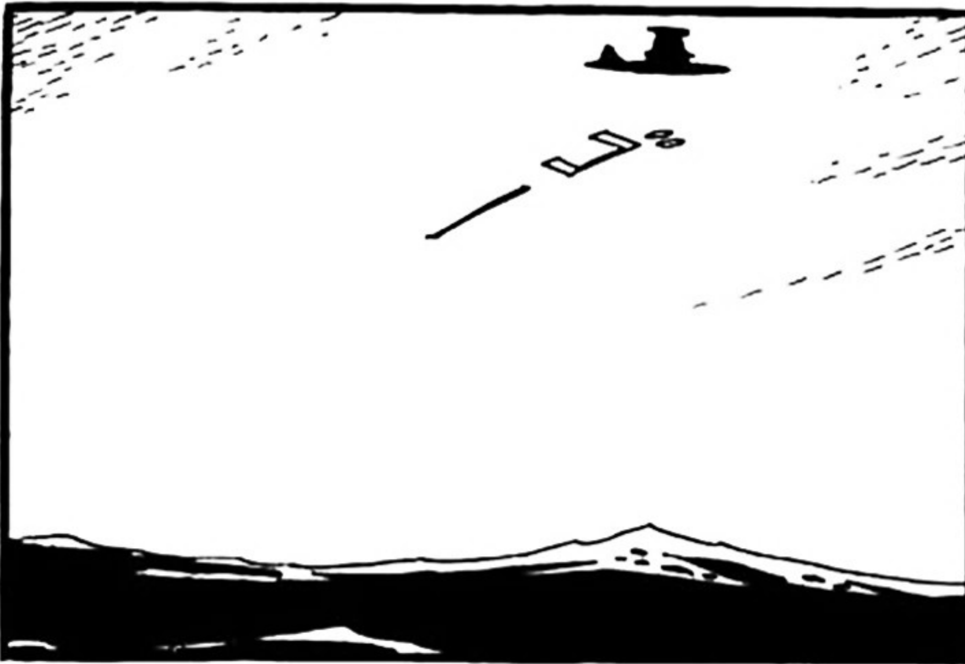

OH BOY... I HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF ME
I THINK I OVERSHOT

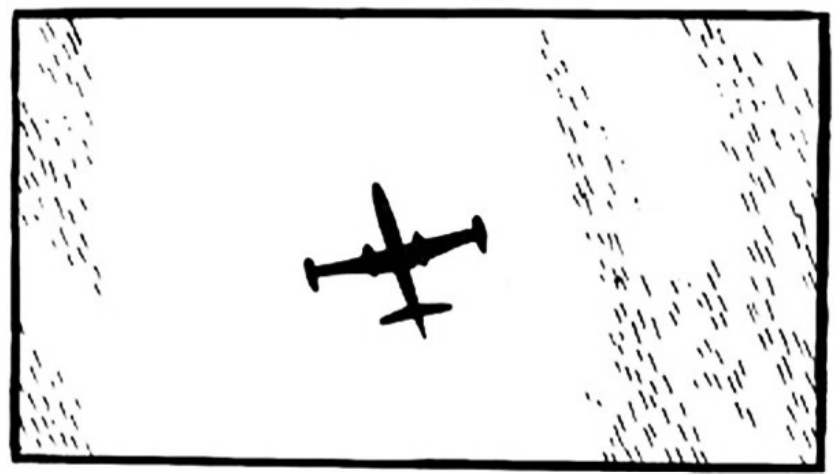


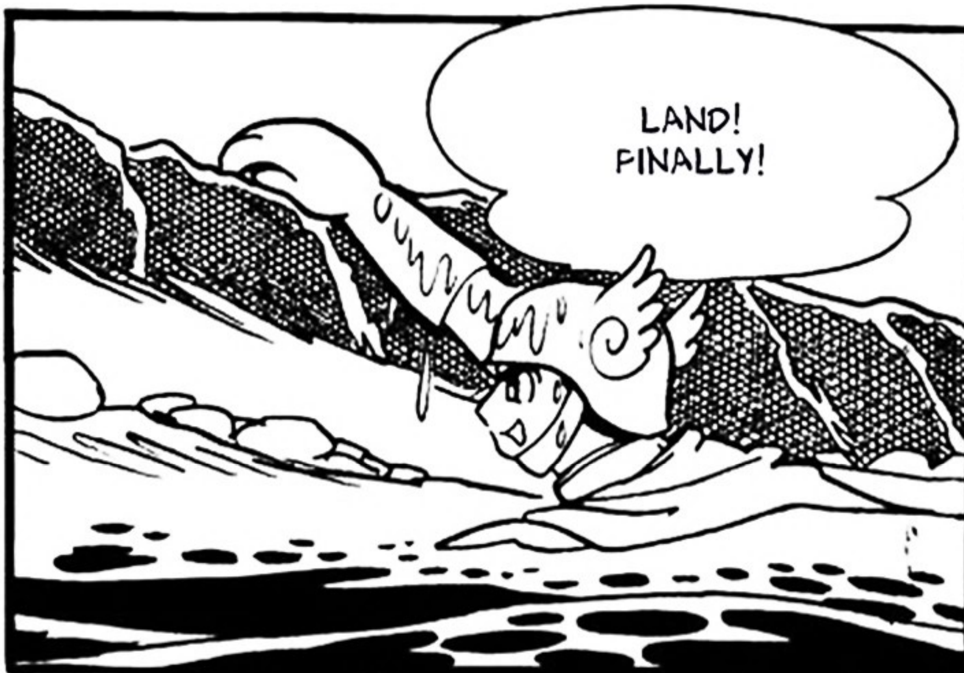



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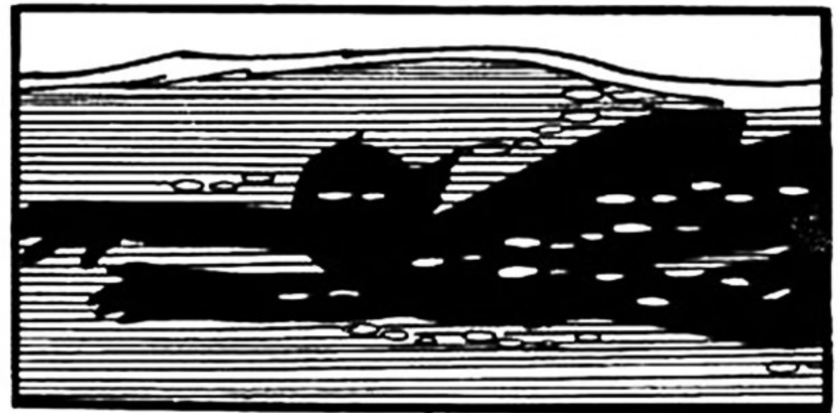




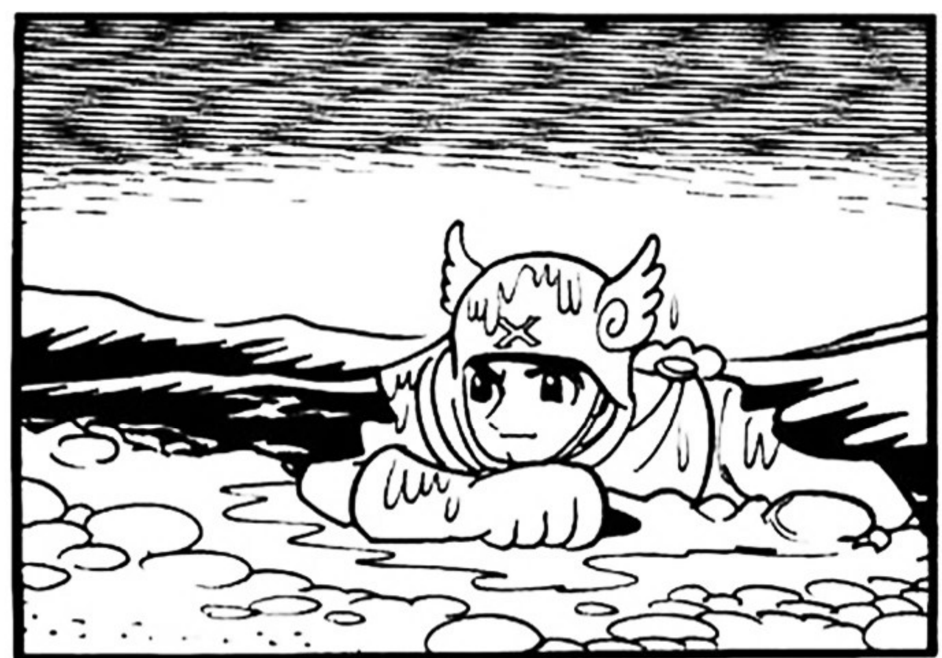



LAND! FINALLY!


A PATROL PLANE

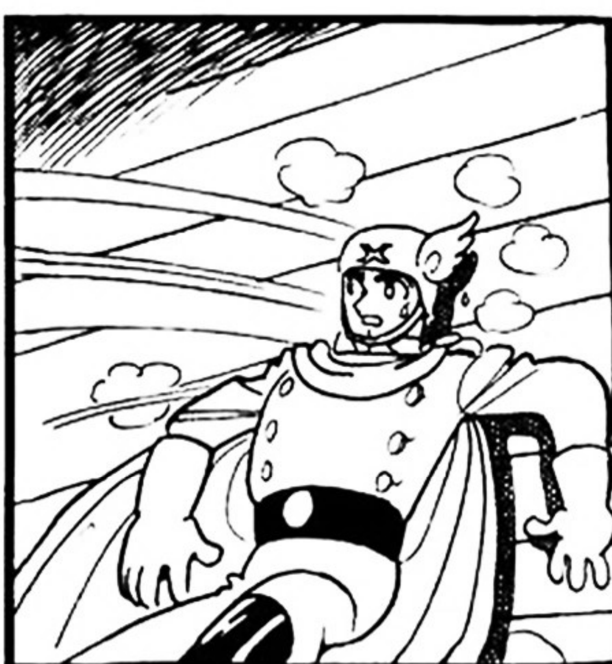


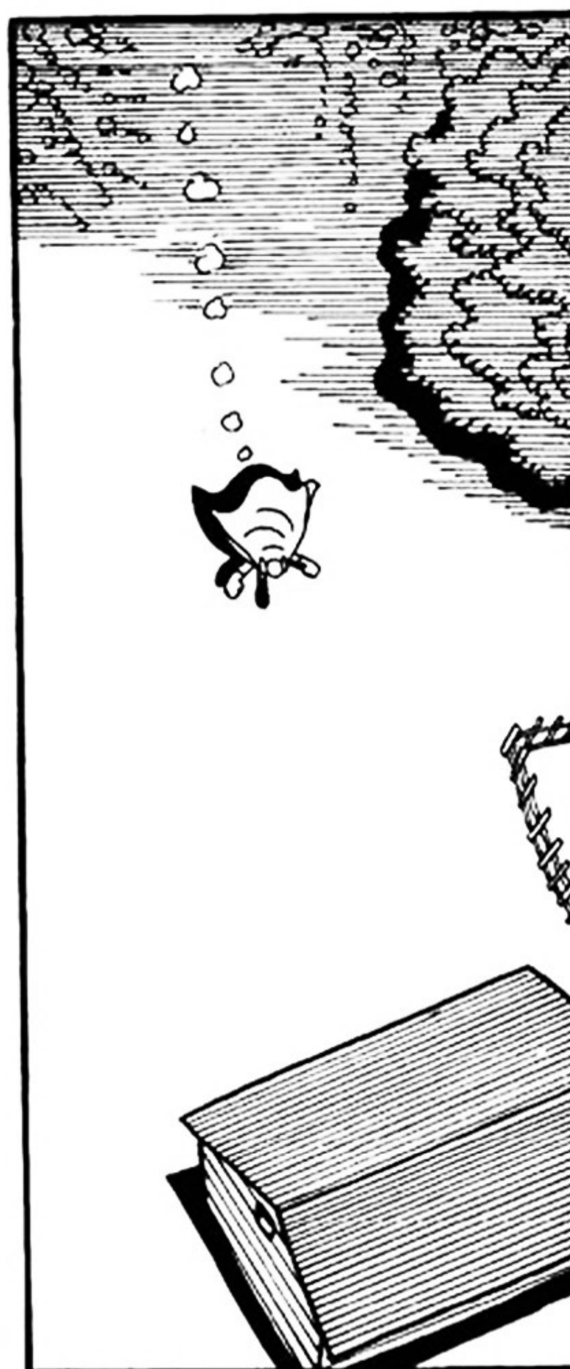




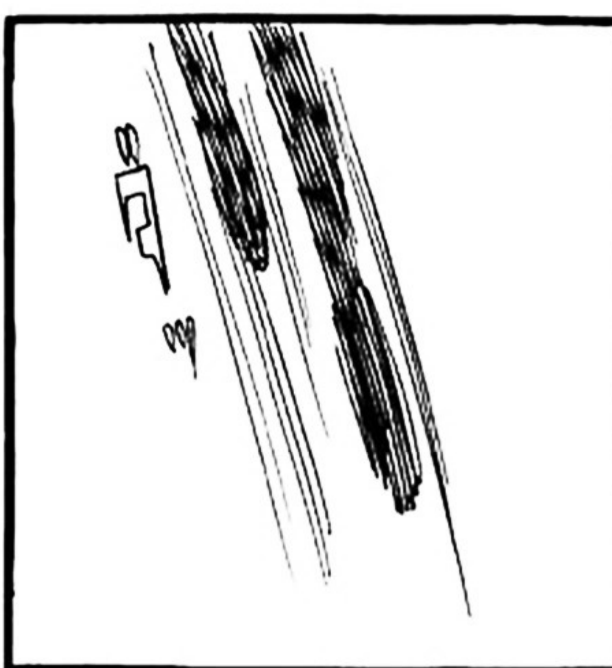


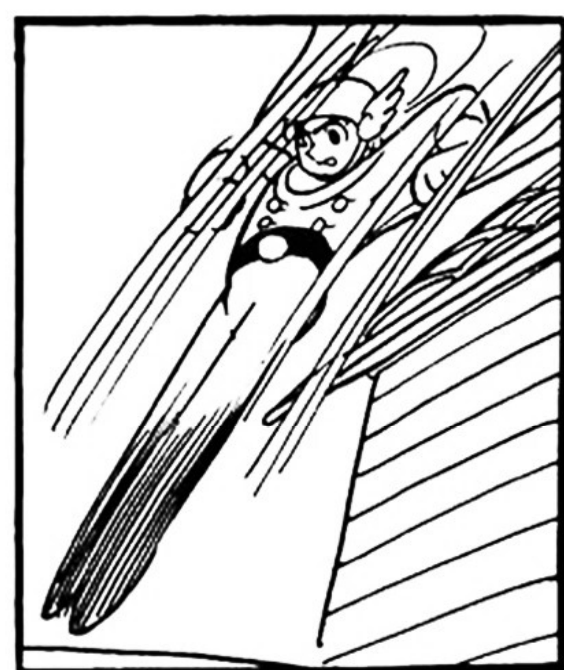

WHO'S THERE?

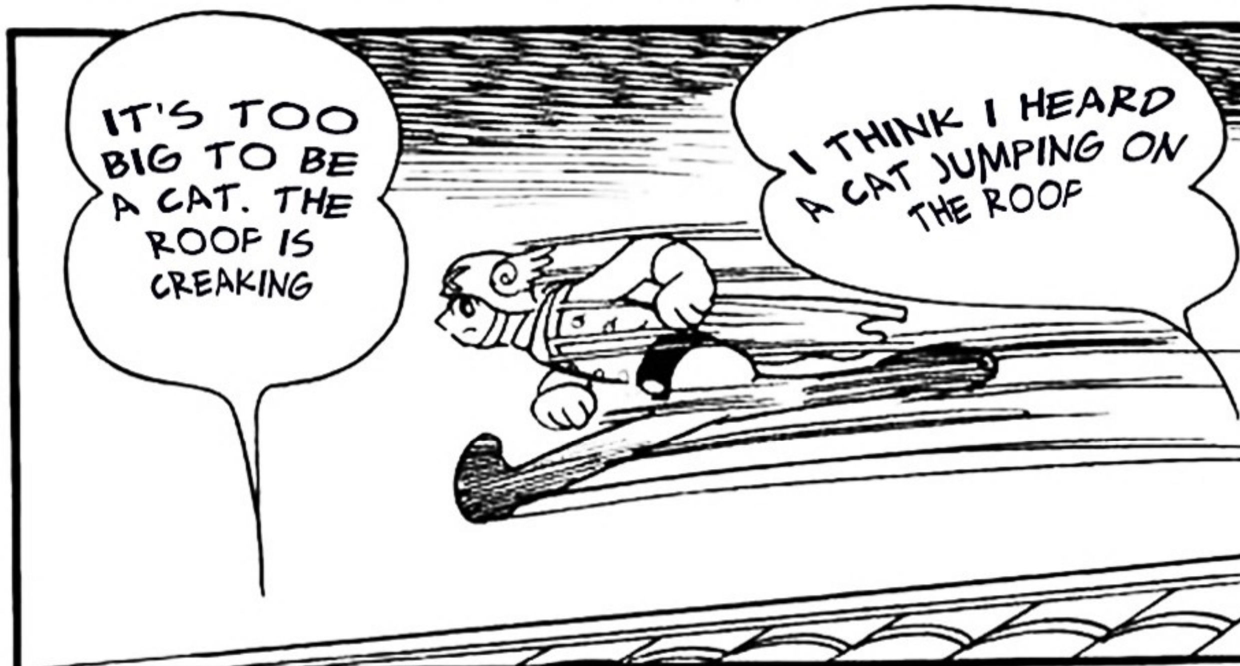






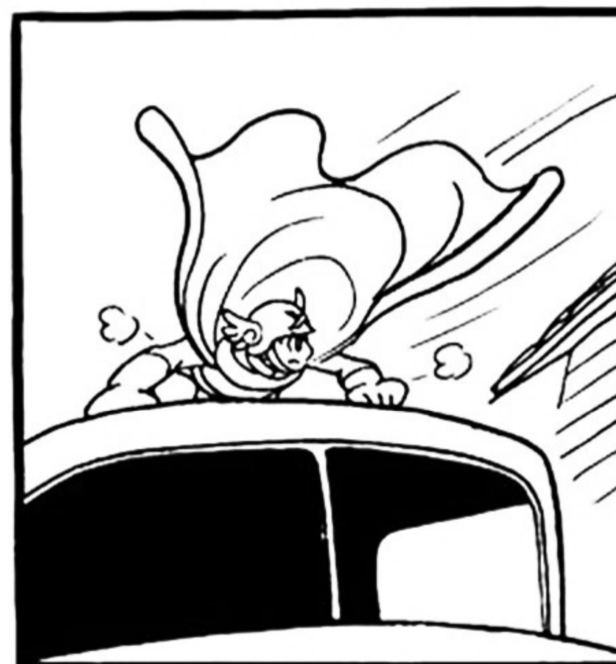


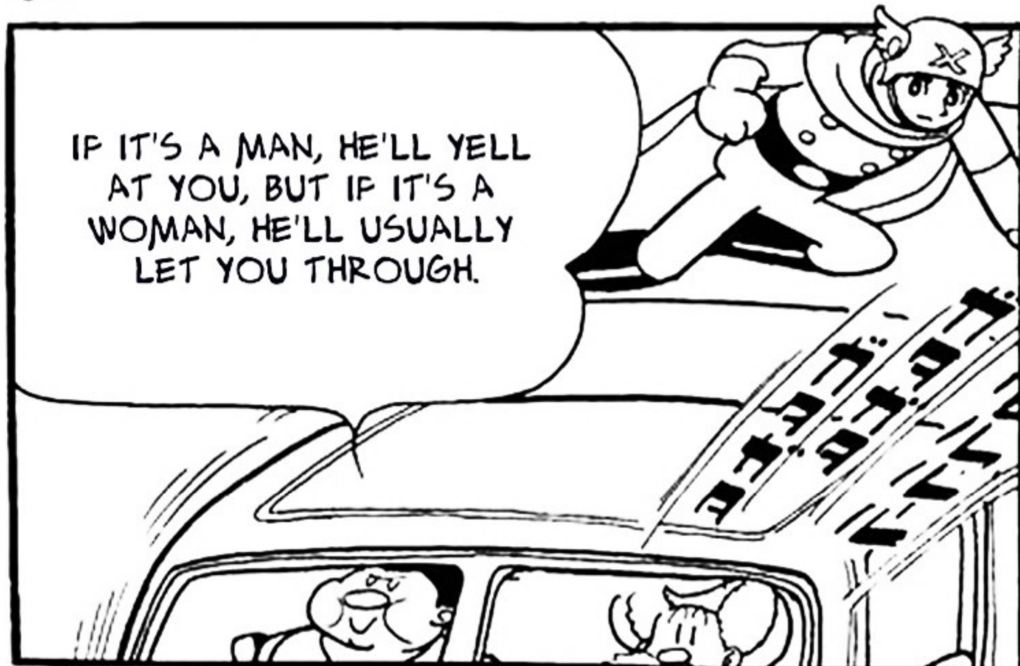


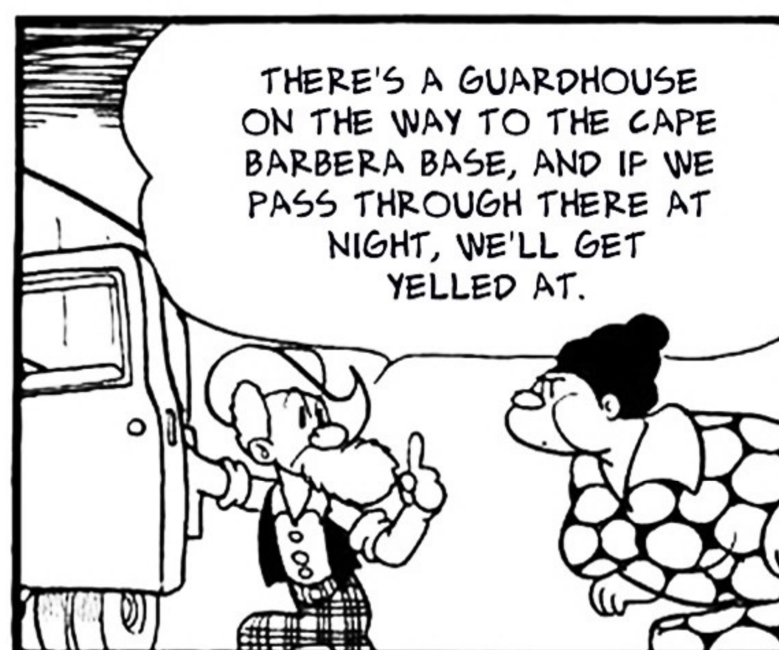

I THINK I HEARD A CAT JUMPING ON THE ROOF
IT'S TOO BIG TO BE A CAT. THE ROOF IS CREAKING

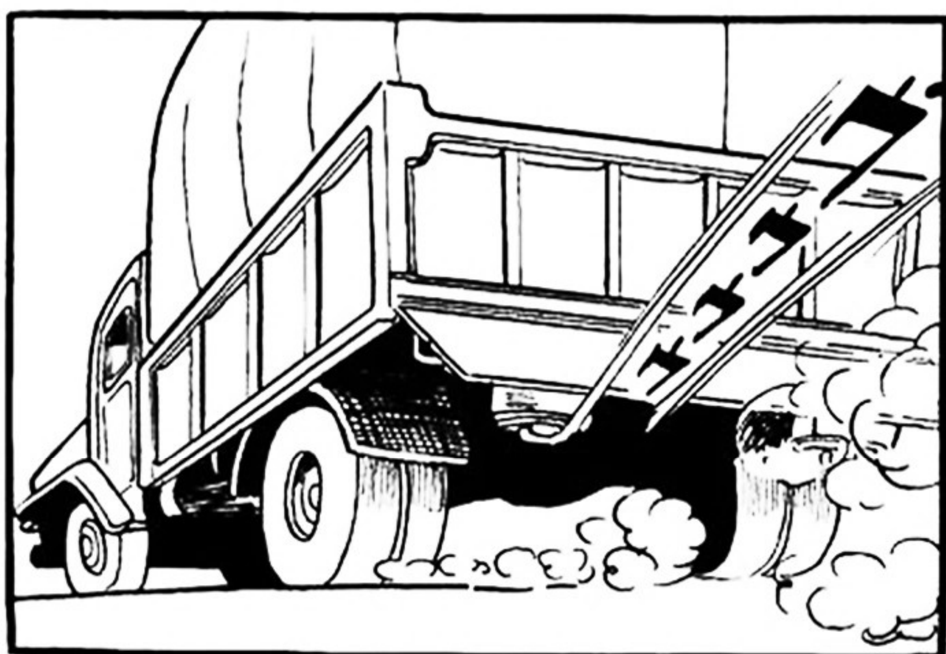

IT'S GETTING DARK
AND? ARE YOU PLANNING TO ROB THE STORE?


I NEED TO GO OVER THE MOUNTAIN TO BUY SOME STUFF. SO WOULD YOU MIND DRIVING?

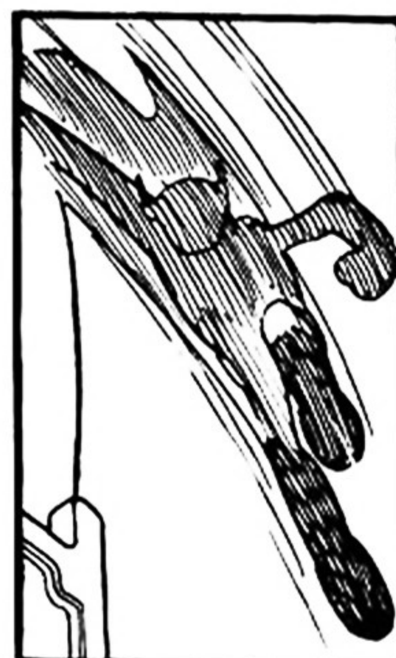



IF IT'S A MAN, HE'LL YELL AT YOU, BUT IF IT'S A WOMAN, HE'LL USUALLY LET YOU THROUGH.

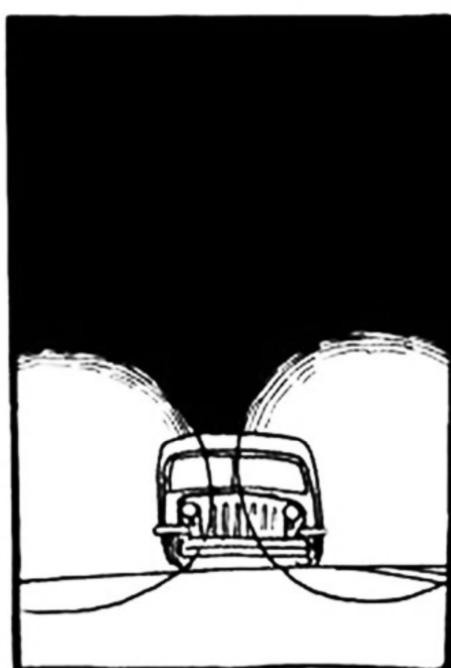

THERE'S A GUARDHOUSE ON THE WAY TO THE CAPE BARBERA BASE, AND IF WE PASS THROUGH THERE AT NIGHT, WE'LL GET YELLED AT.

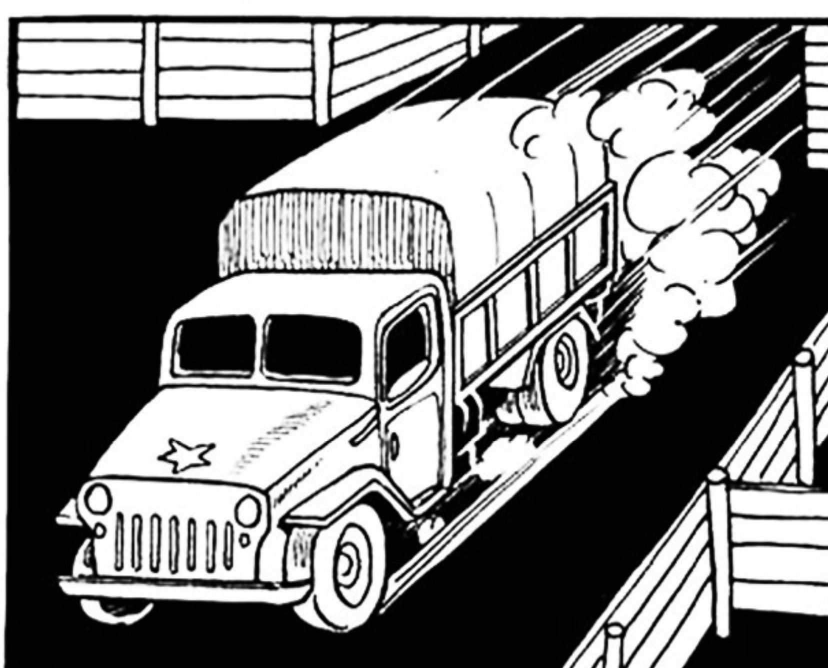


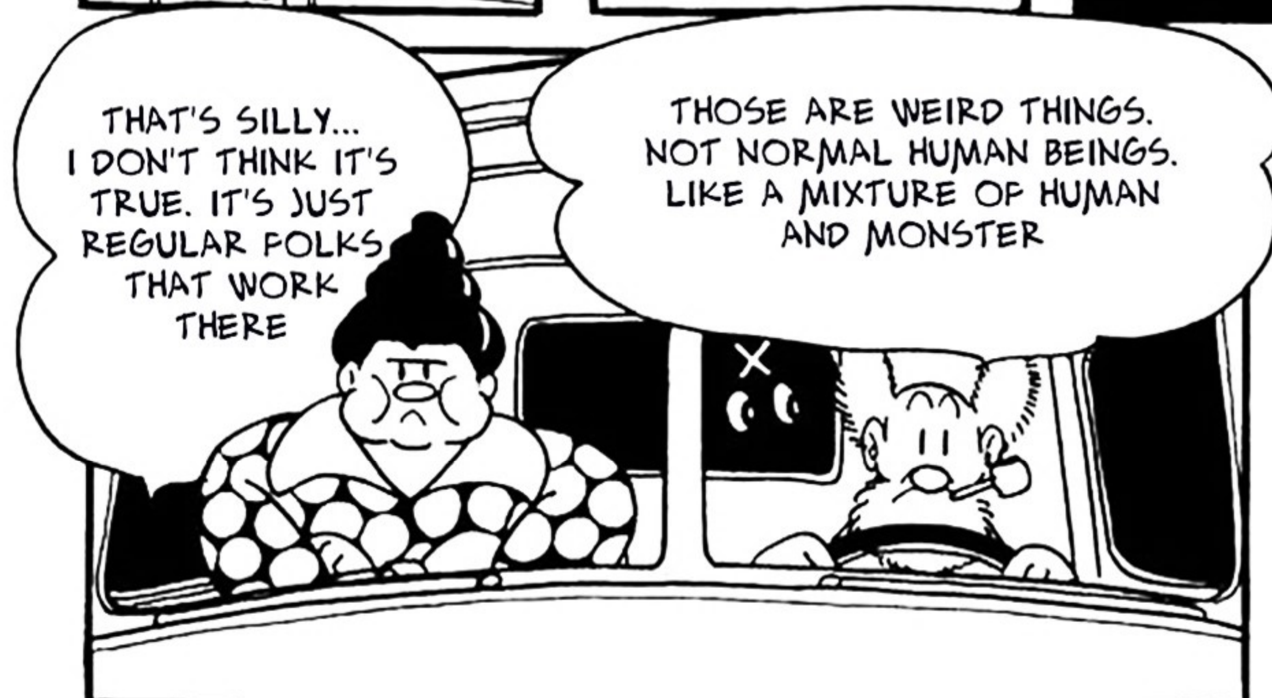


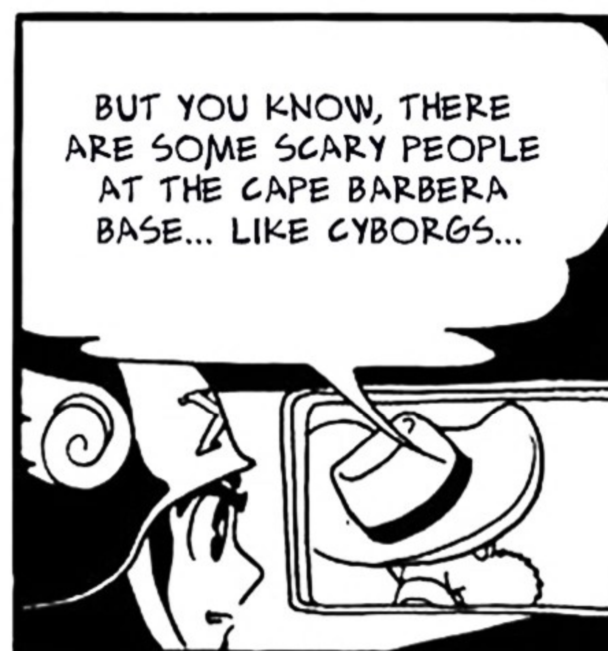


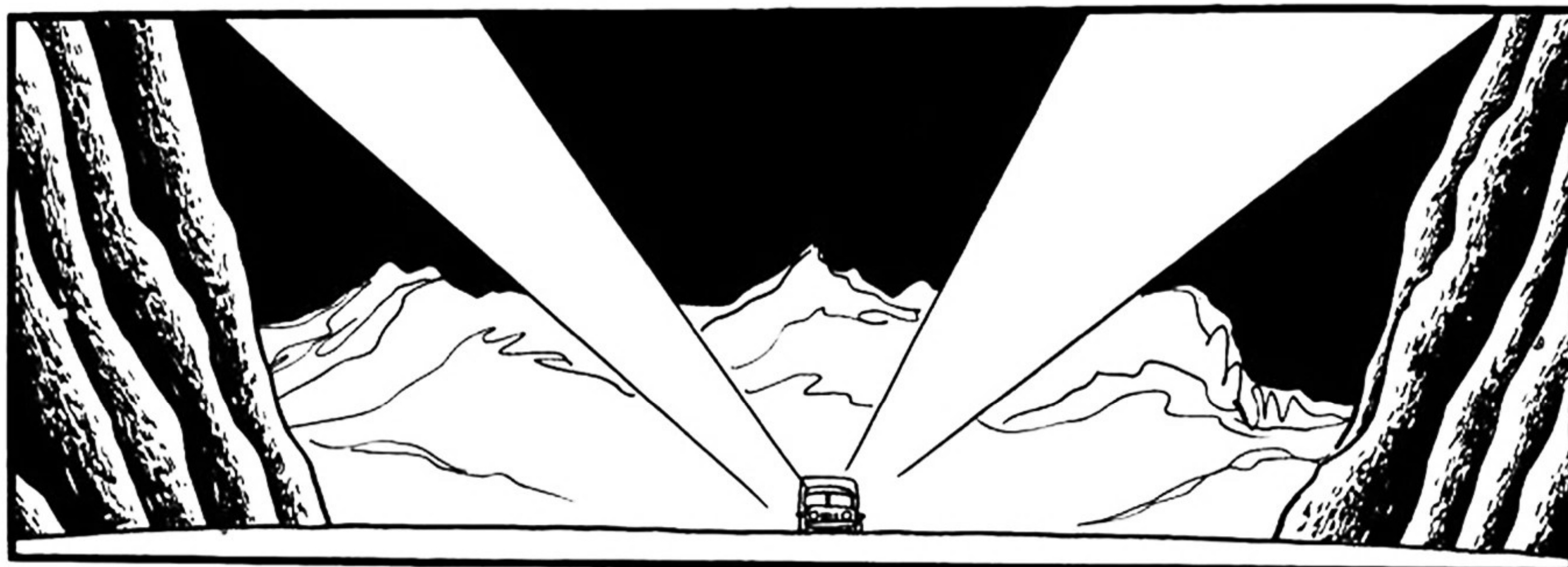






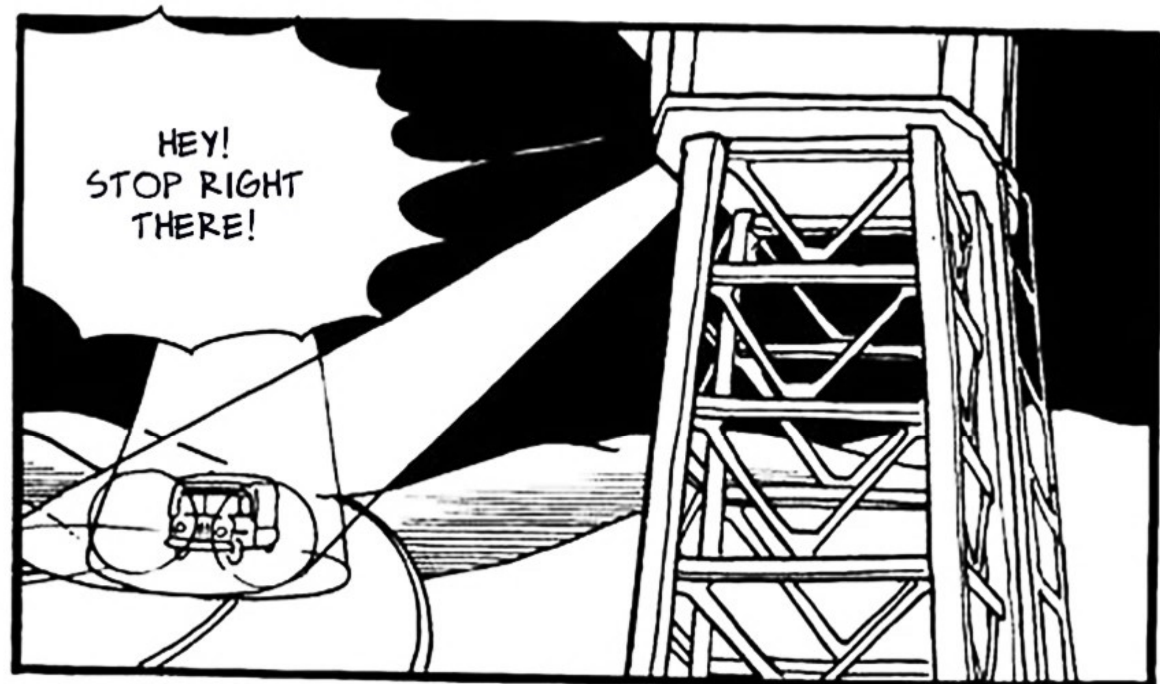

THAT'S SILLY... I DON'T THINK IT'S TRUE. IT'S JUST REGULAR FOLKS THAT WORK THERE
THOSE ARE WEIRD THINGS. NOT NORMAL HUMAN BEINGS. LIKE A MIXTURE OF HUMAN AND MONSTER


BUT YOU KNOW, THERE ARE SOME SCARY PEOPLE AT THE CAPE BARBERA BASE... LIKE CYBORGS...

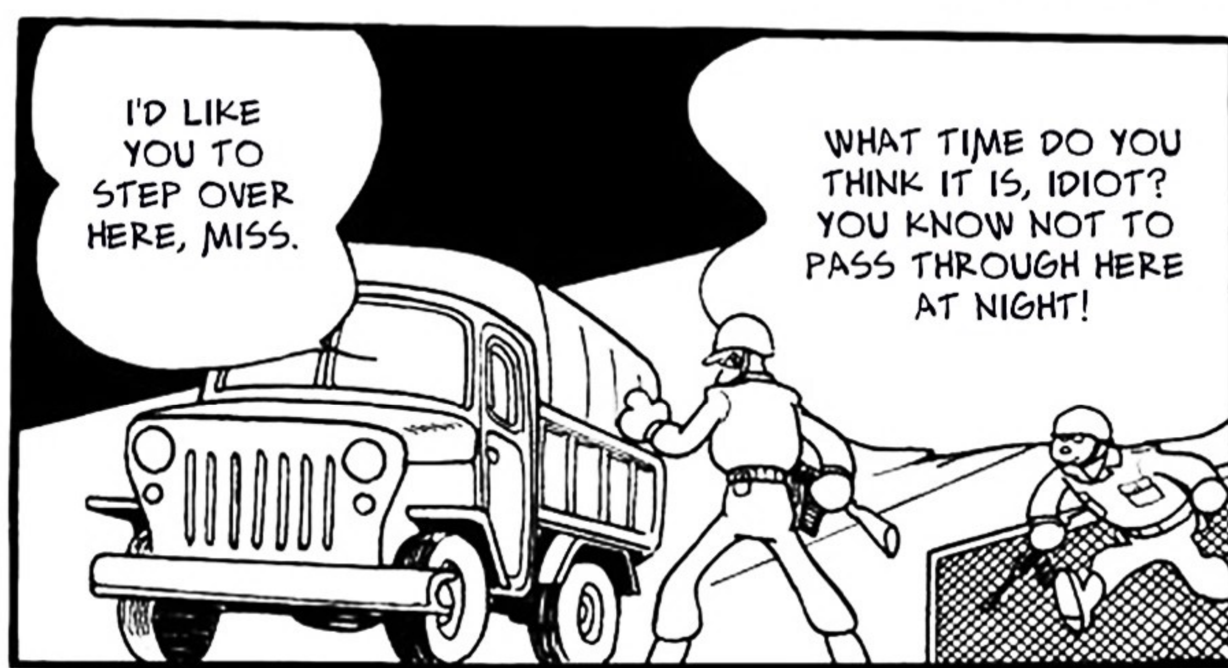



YOU THINK THAT'S HOW THEY ARE GUARDING THE INSIDE OF CAPE BARBERA BASE?
YEAH YEAH, THERE'S CYBORGS THERE. I THINK THEY'RE CALLED CYBORGS...




HEY! STOP RIGHT THERE!


IF I SHOW YOU MY BEAUTIFUL FACE, I'M SURE YOU'LL SMILE AND BE IN A BETTER MOOD.


WHAT TIME DO YOU THINK IT IS, IDIOT? YOU KNOW NOT TO PASS THROUGH HERE AT NIGHT!
I'D LIKE YOU TO STEP OVER HERE, MISS.

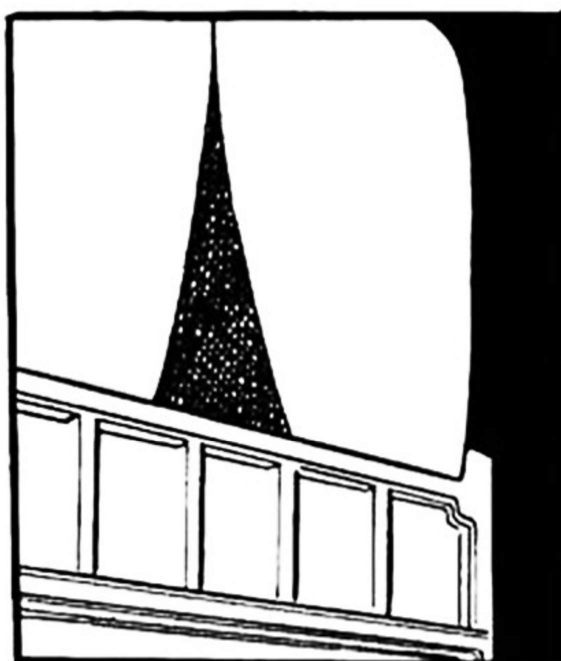

EEESH! I'M ALL CREEPED OUT!
A-A-A GHOST!

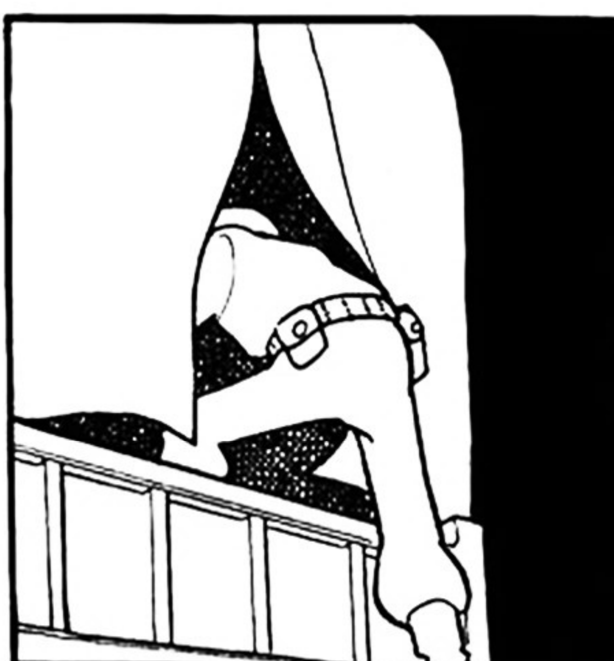

HEHEHE, ISN'T IT OKAY IF WE GO AHEAD?



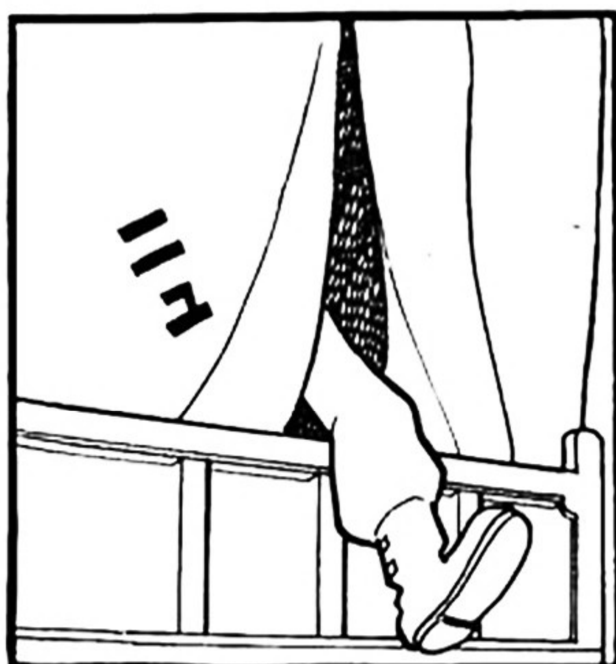

WAIT A MINUTE... WE NEED TO CHECK THE CARGO FIRST


OKAY OKAY GET GOING!







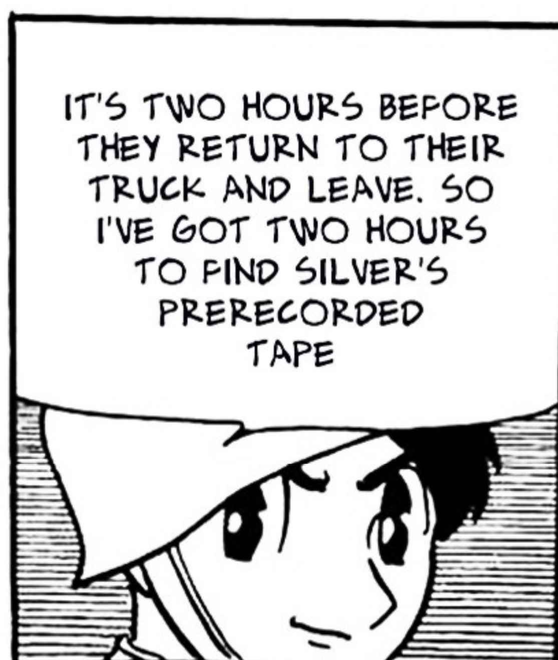



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ALL RIGHT
COME ON,
LET'S GO


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IT'S TWO HOURS BEFORE THEY RETURN TO THEIR TRUCK AND LEAVE. SO I'VE GOT TWO HOURS TO FIND SILVER'S PRERECORDED TAPE

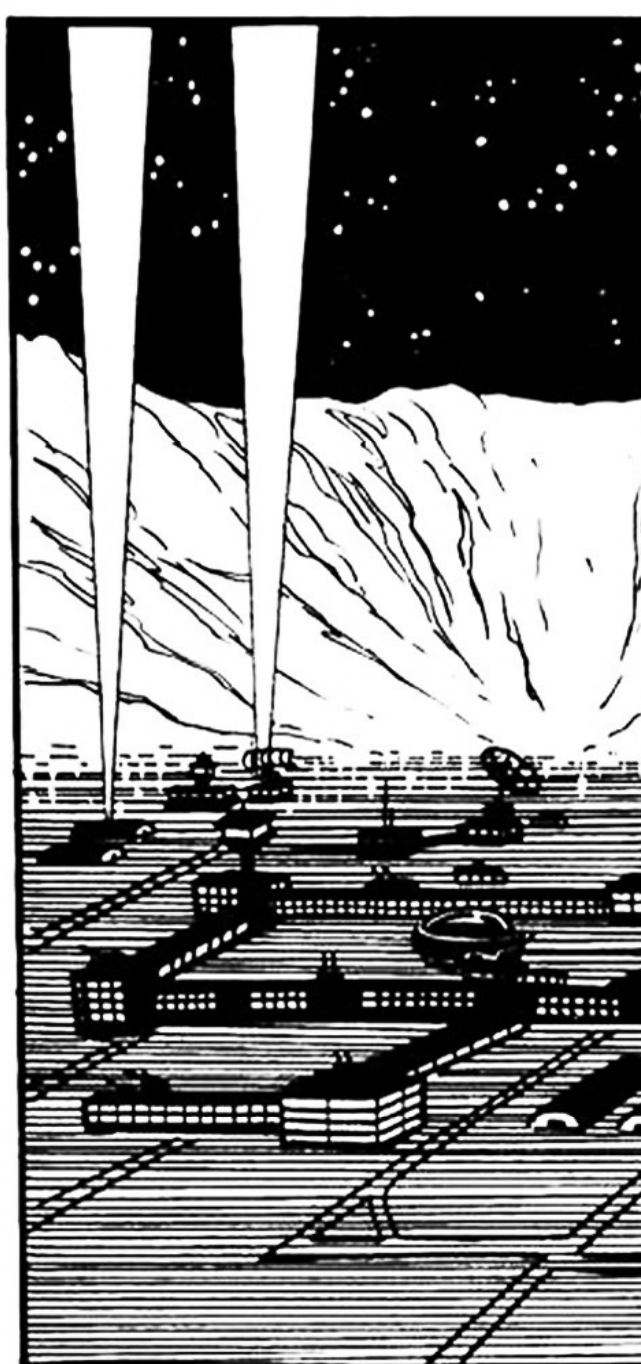

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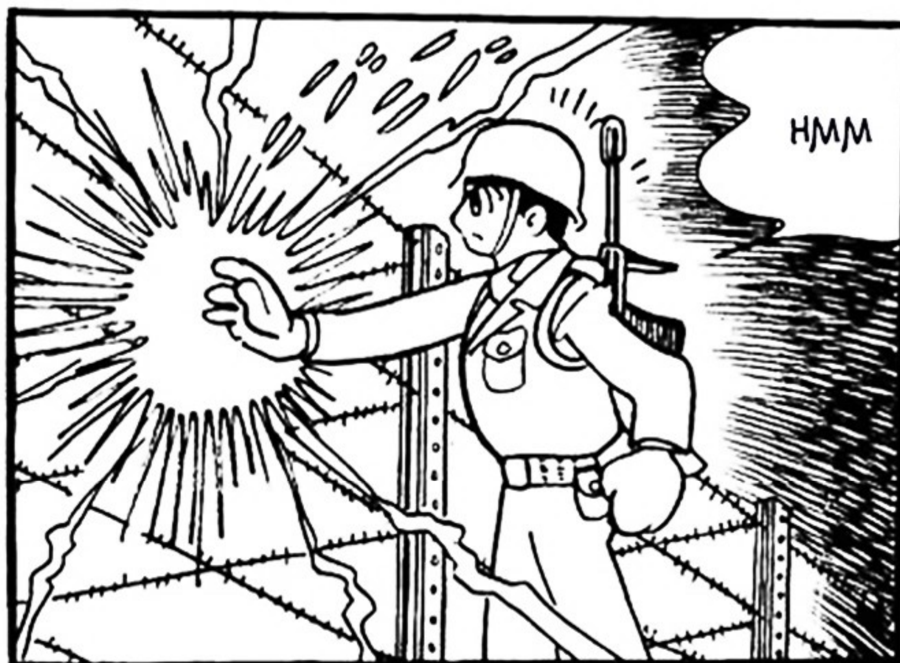


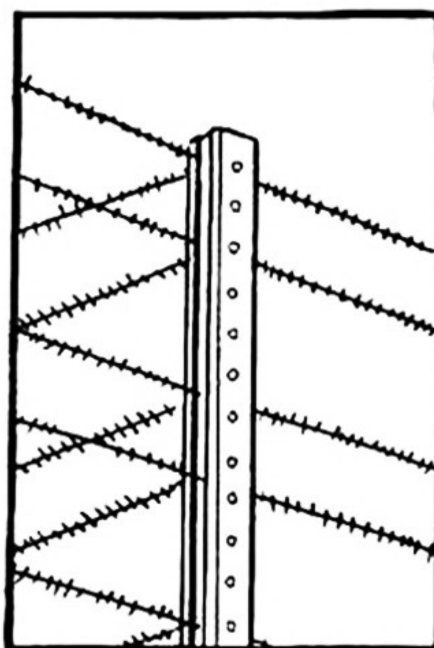




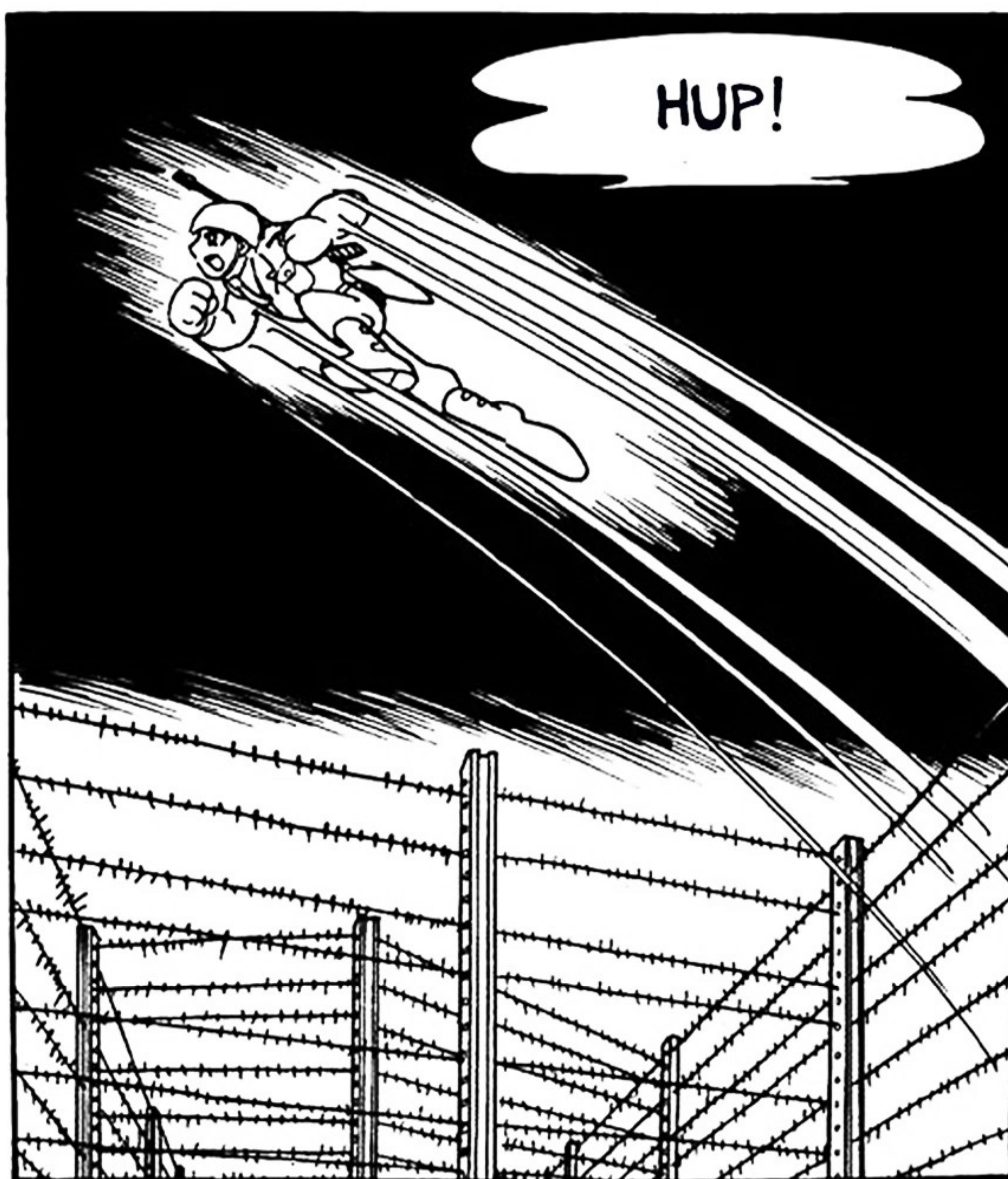

HM, SO THIS IS CAMP BARBERA BASE

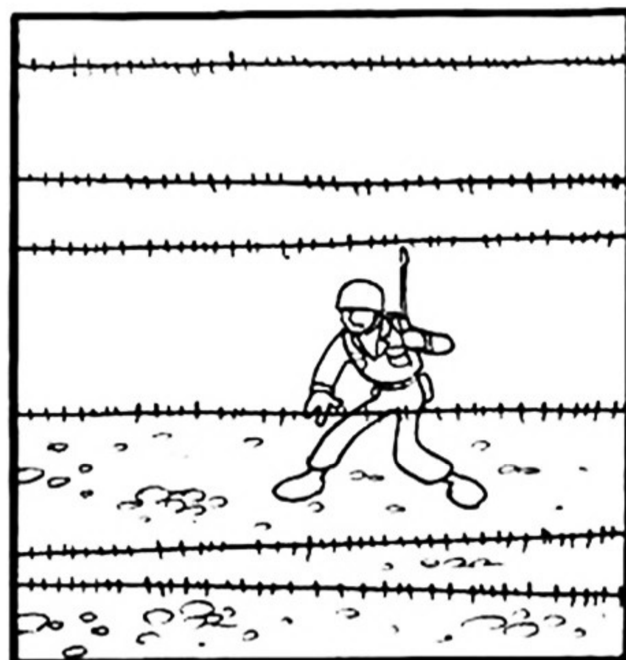


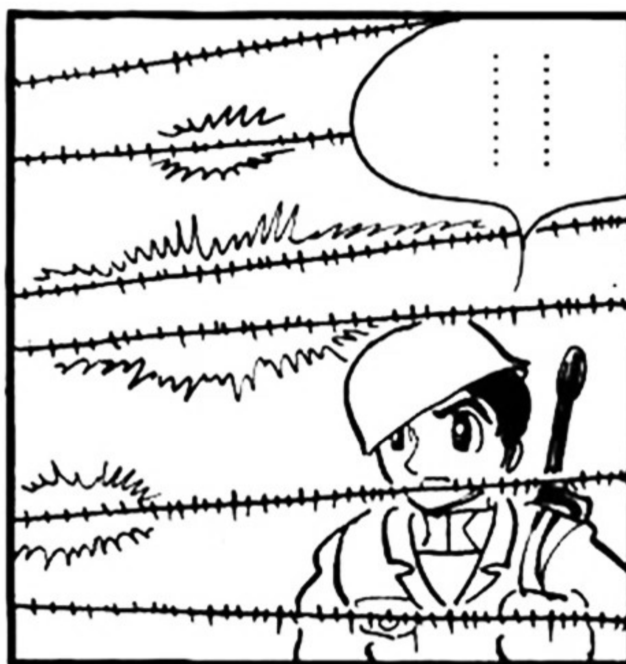

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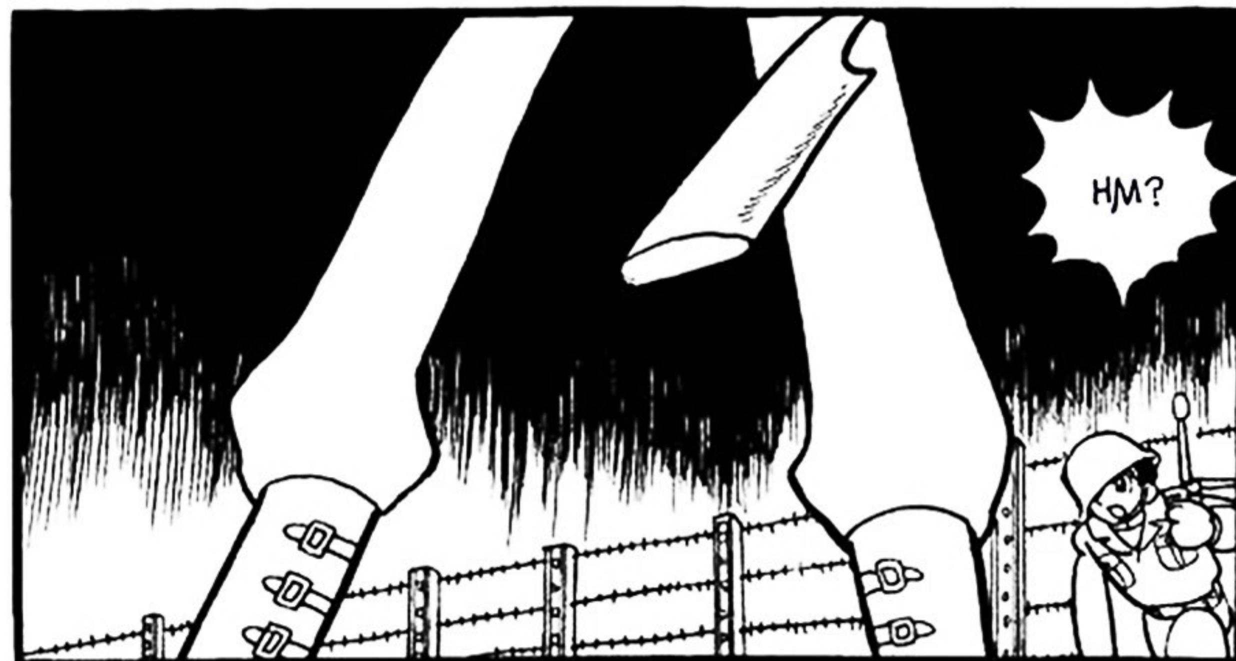


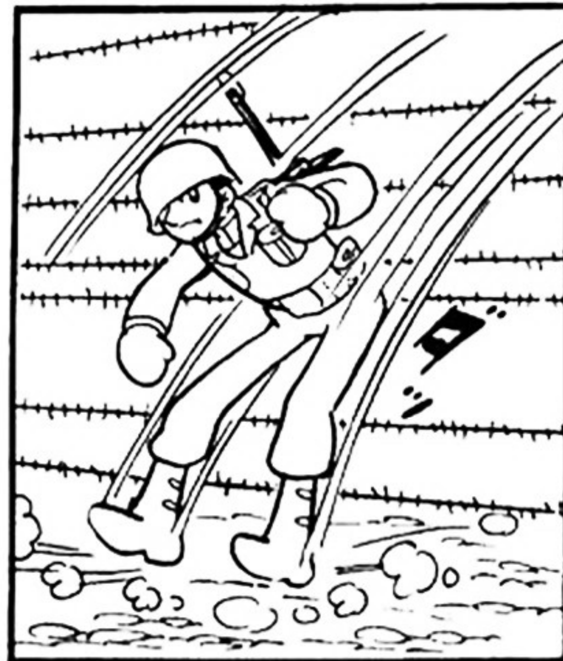


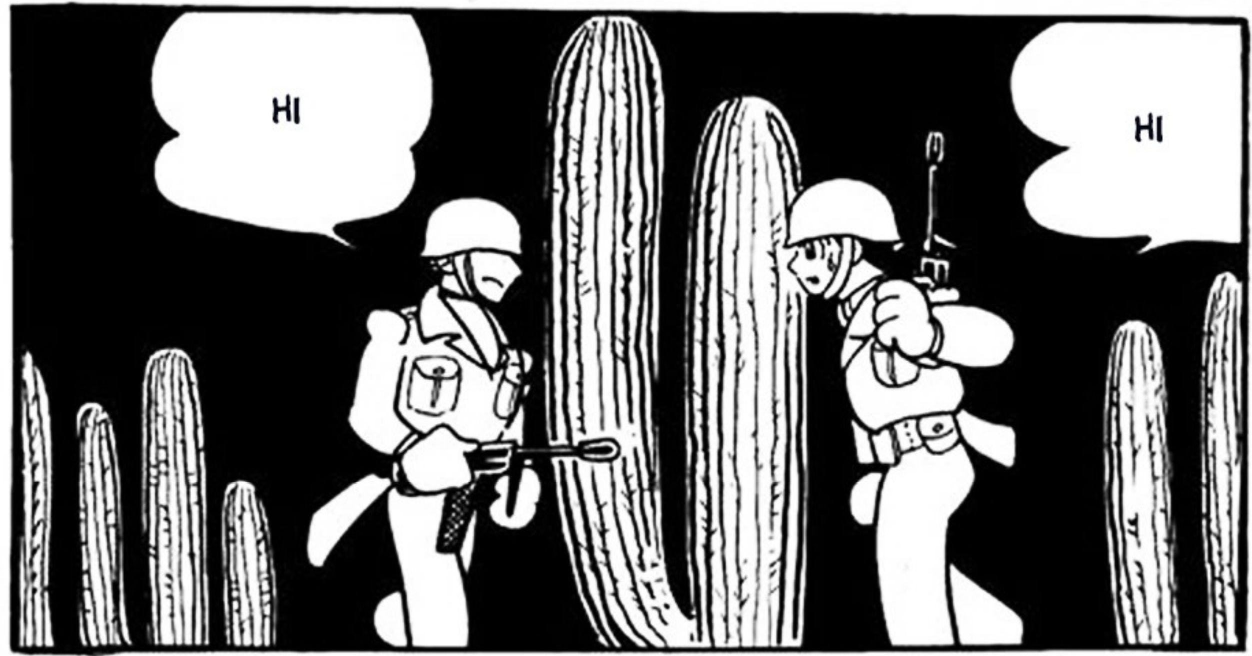

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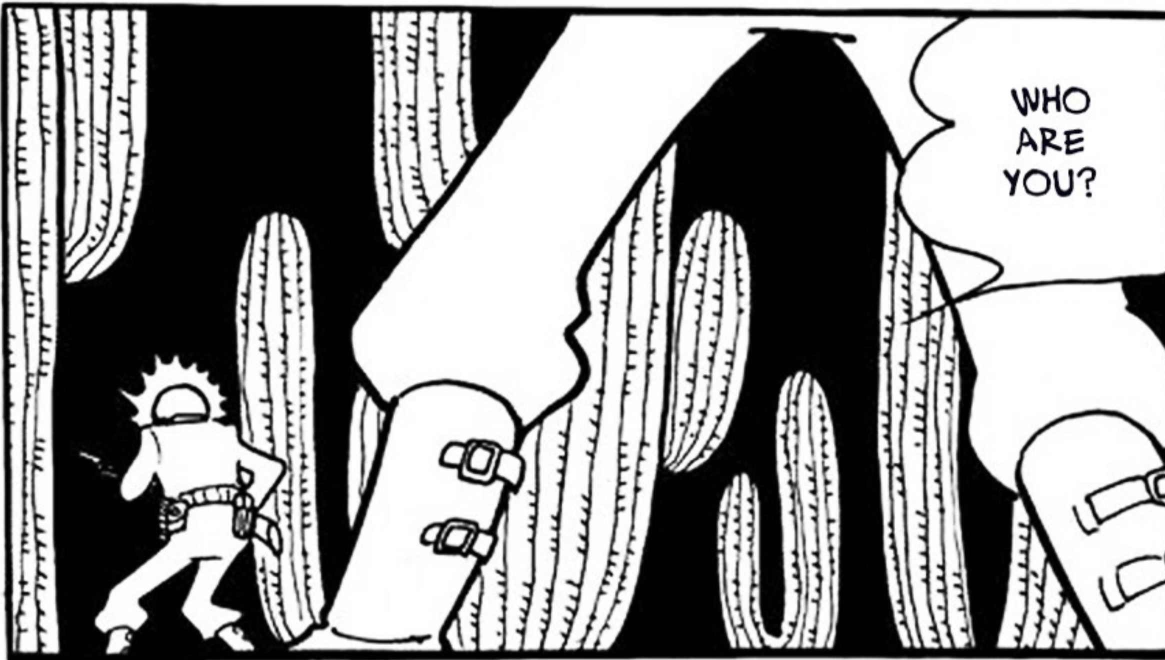

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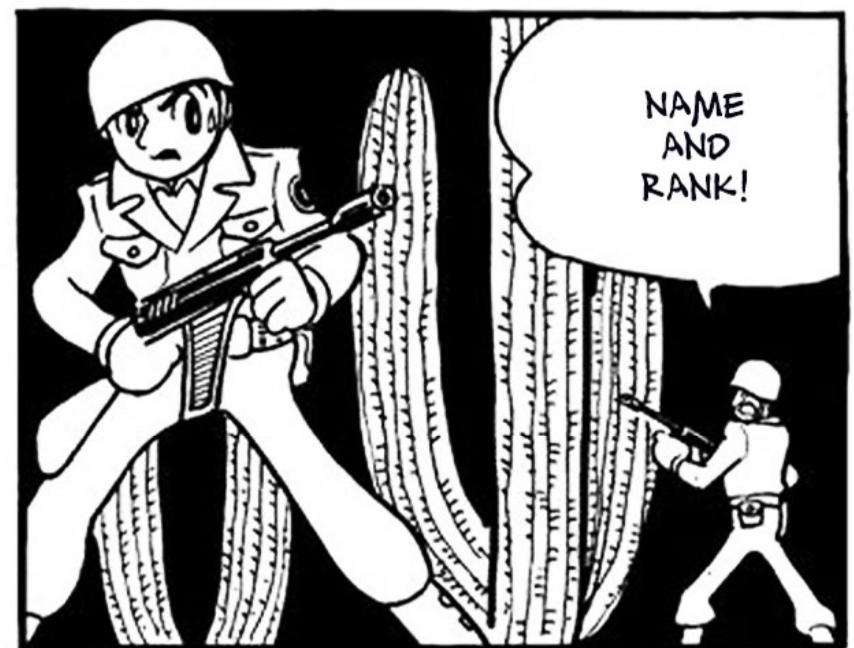


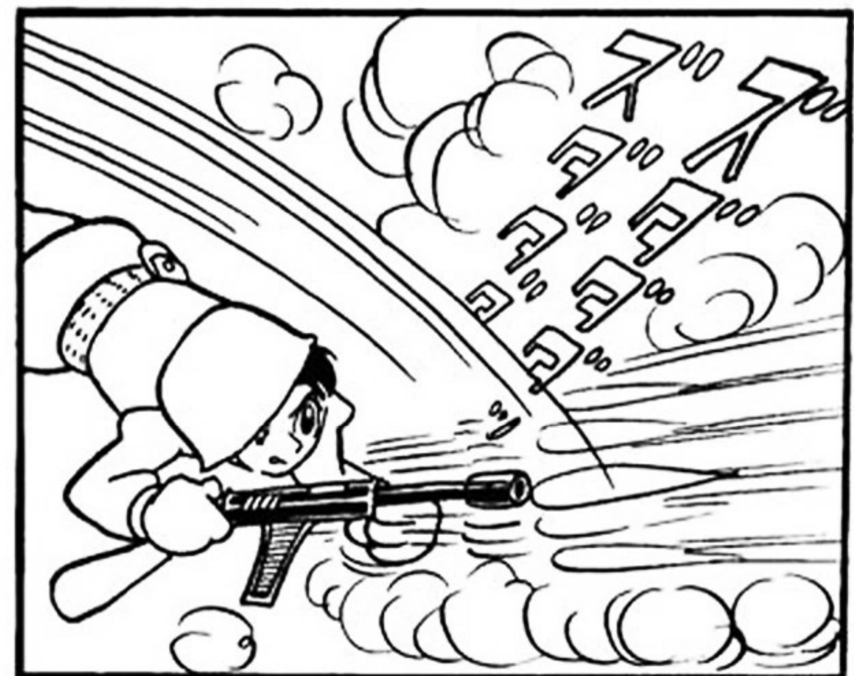

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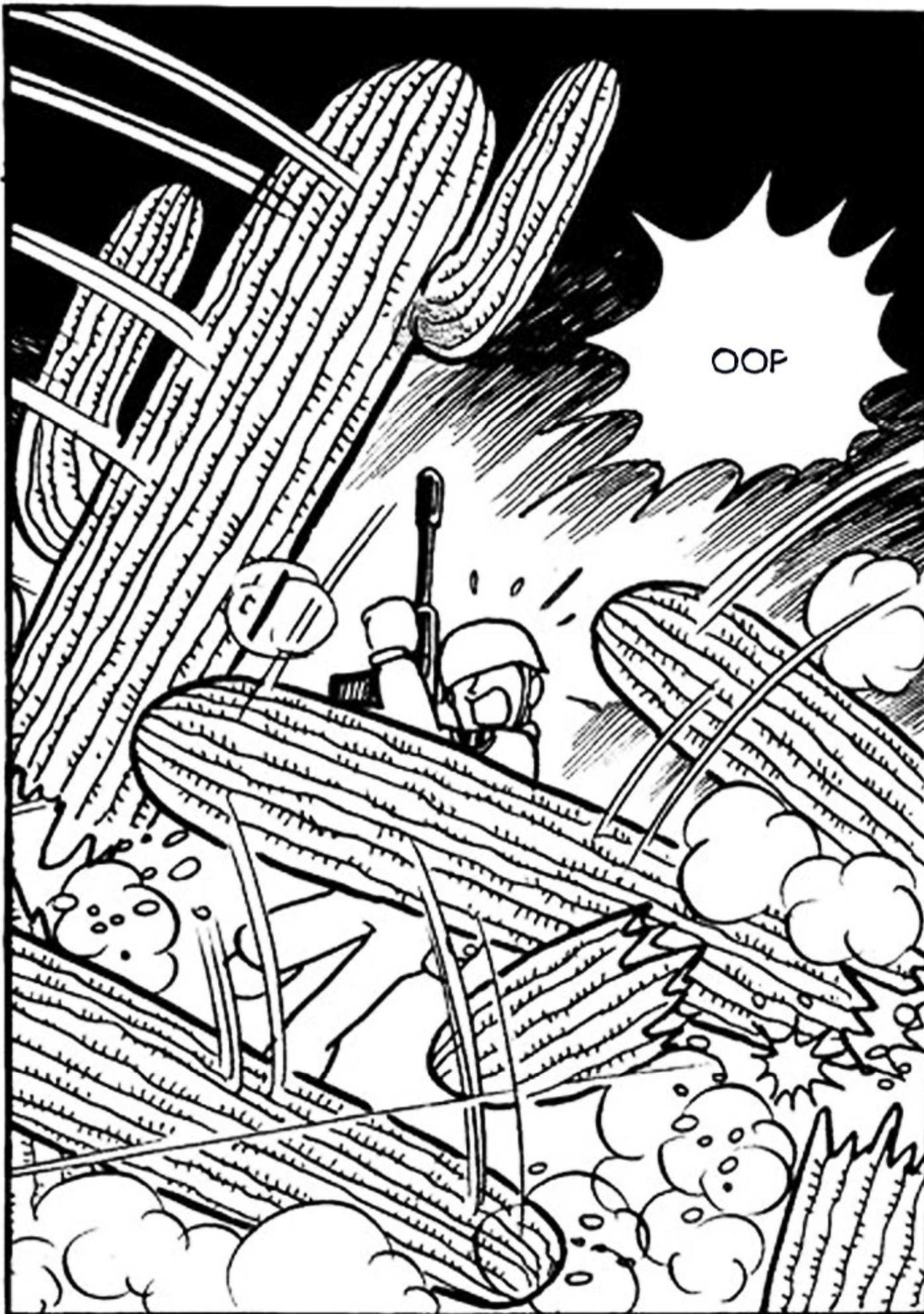

"HI"!?!

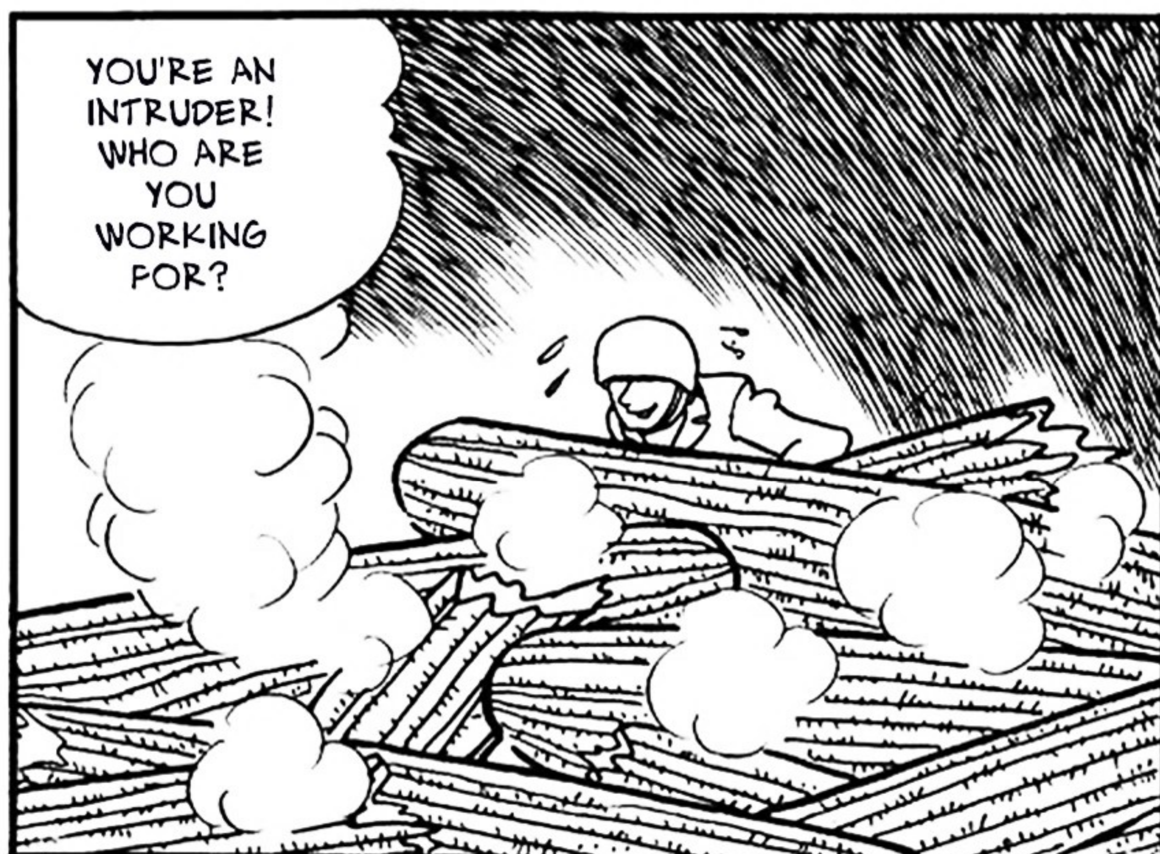

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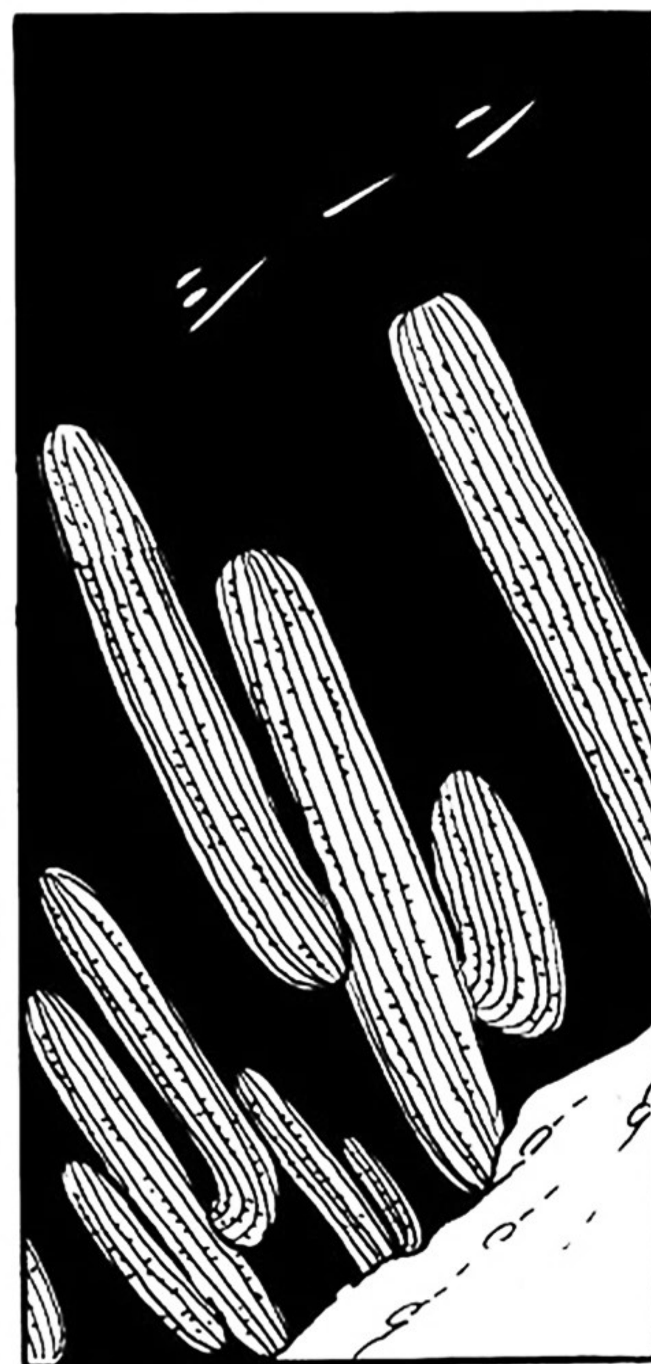

WHO ARE YOU?


NAME AND RANK!

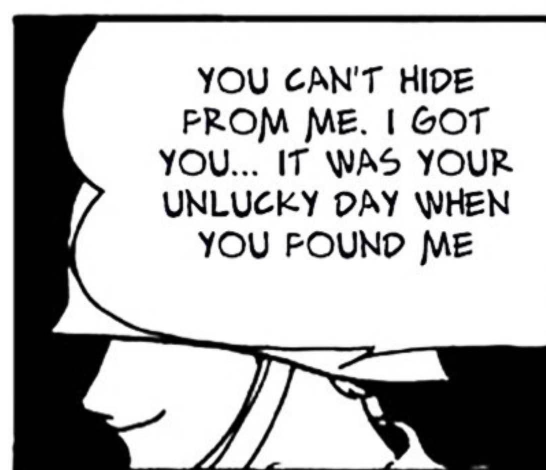

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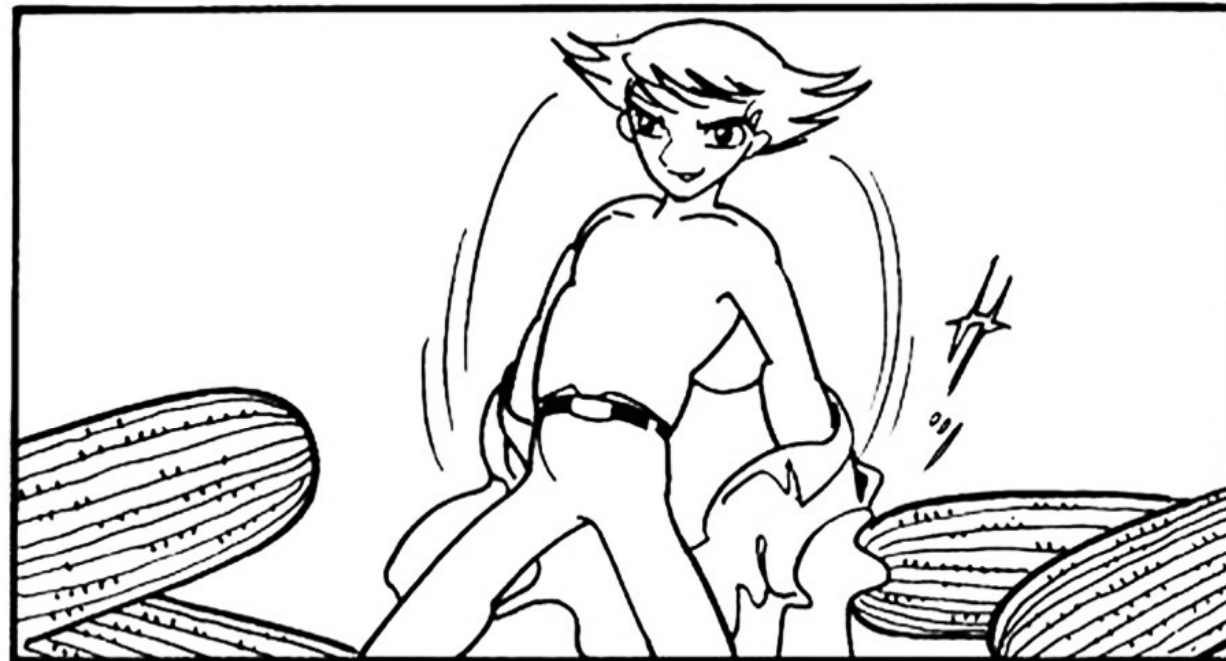

YOU'RE AN INTRUDER! WHO ARE YOU WORKING FOR?




WATCH THIS .....


YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM ME. I GOT YOU... IT WAS YOUR UNLUCKY DAY WHEN YOU FOUND ME



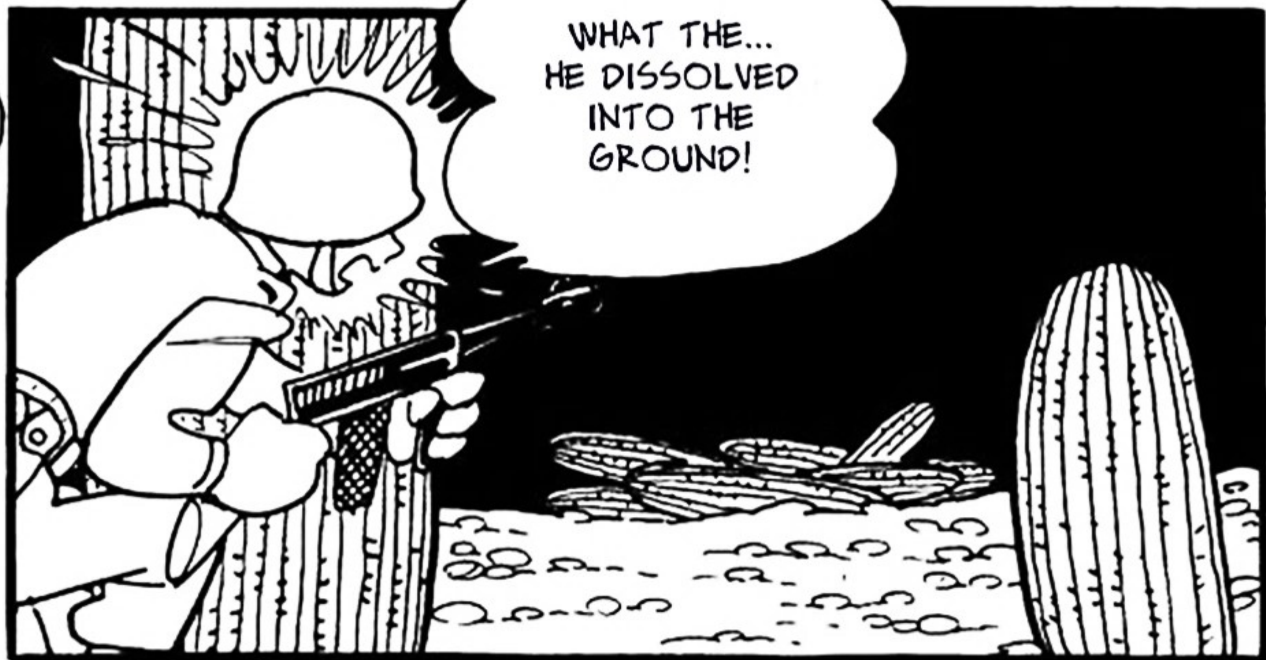


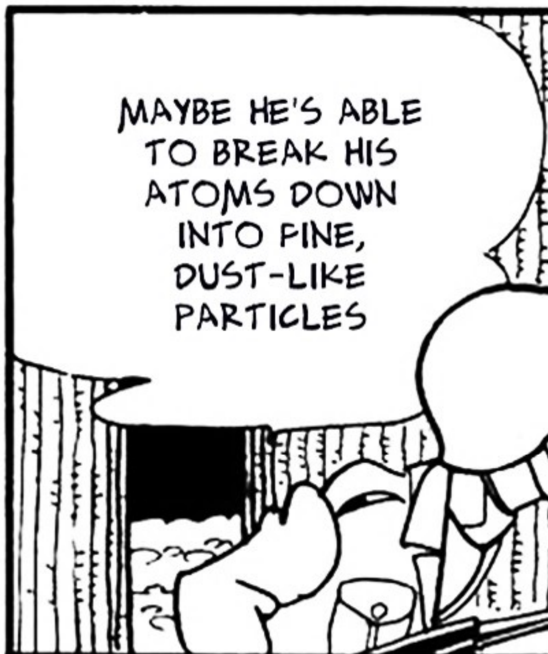


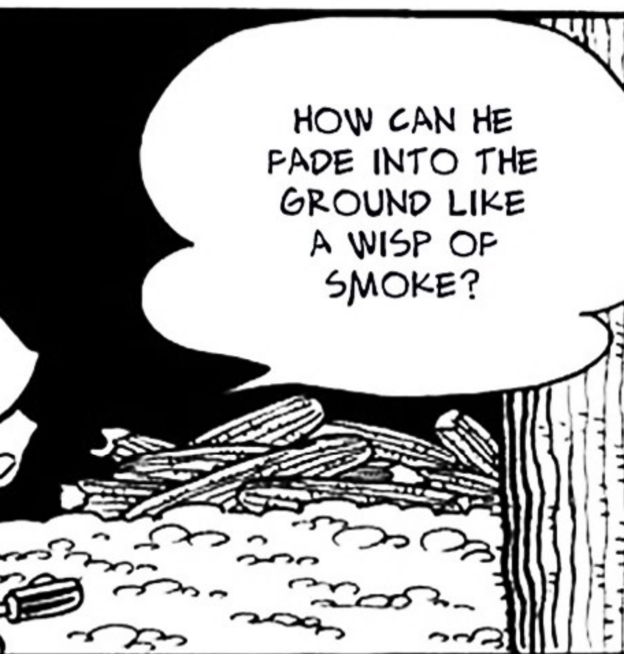




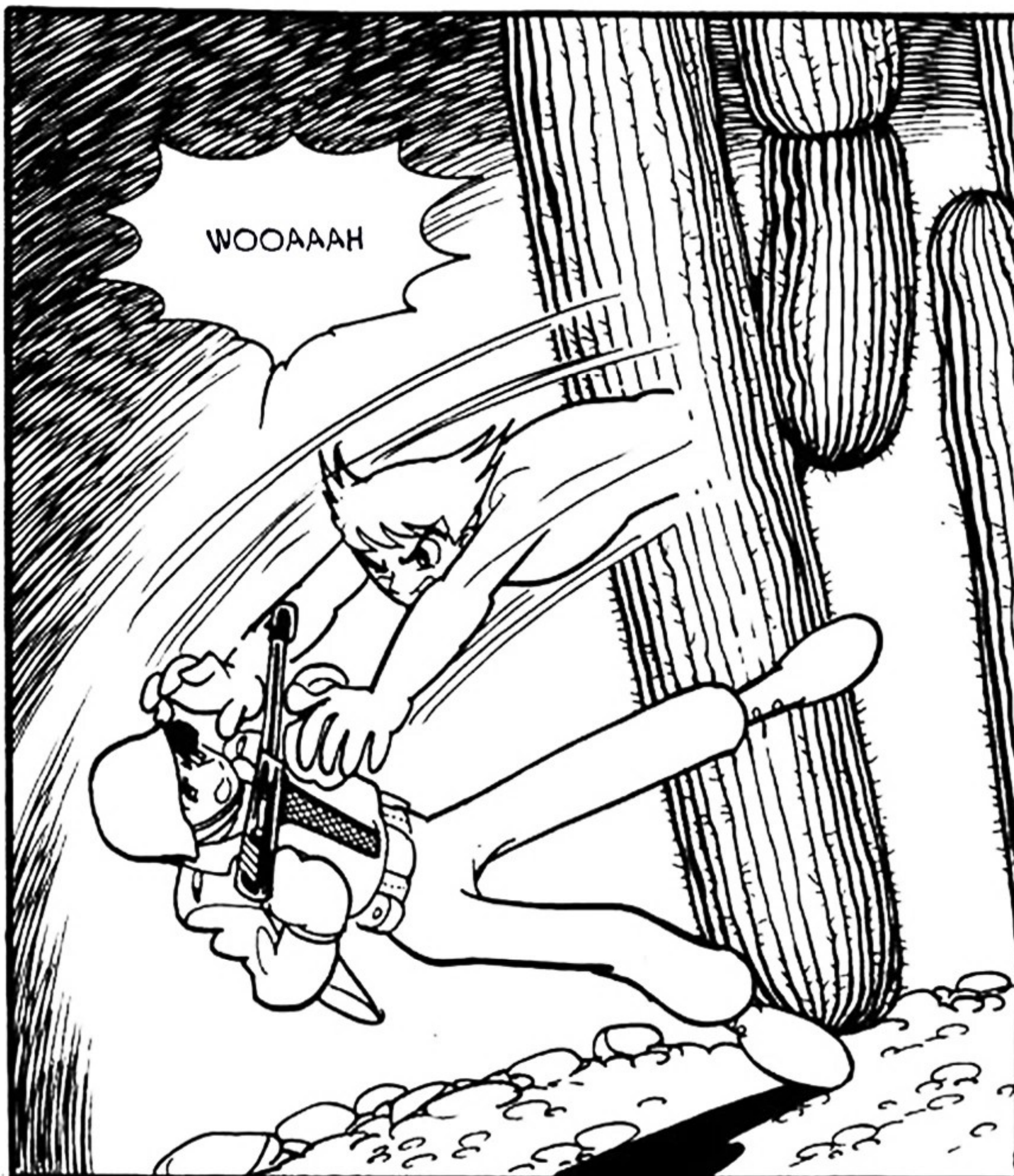

HOW FREAKY!
IS HE A CYBORG?


WHAT THE... HE DISSOLVED INTO THE GROUND!


MAYBE HE'S ABLE TO BREAK HIS ATOMS DOWN INTO FINE, DUST-LIKE PARTICLES


HOW CAN HE FADE INTO THE GROUND LIKE A WISP OF SMOKE?




WOOAAAH

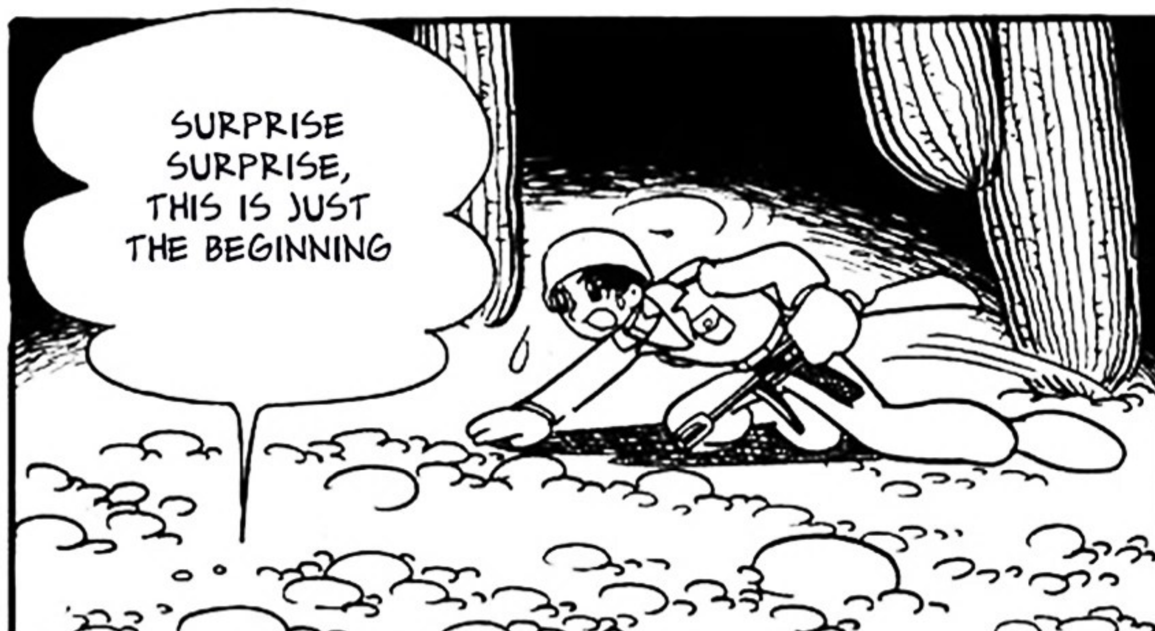

WAHHH HAH HAH HA!

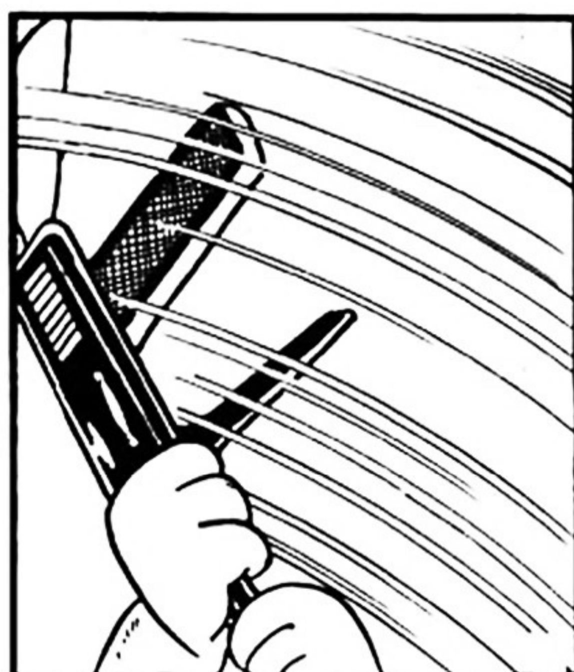

WHERE'D HE GO?

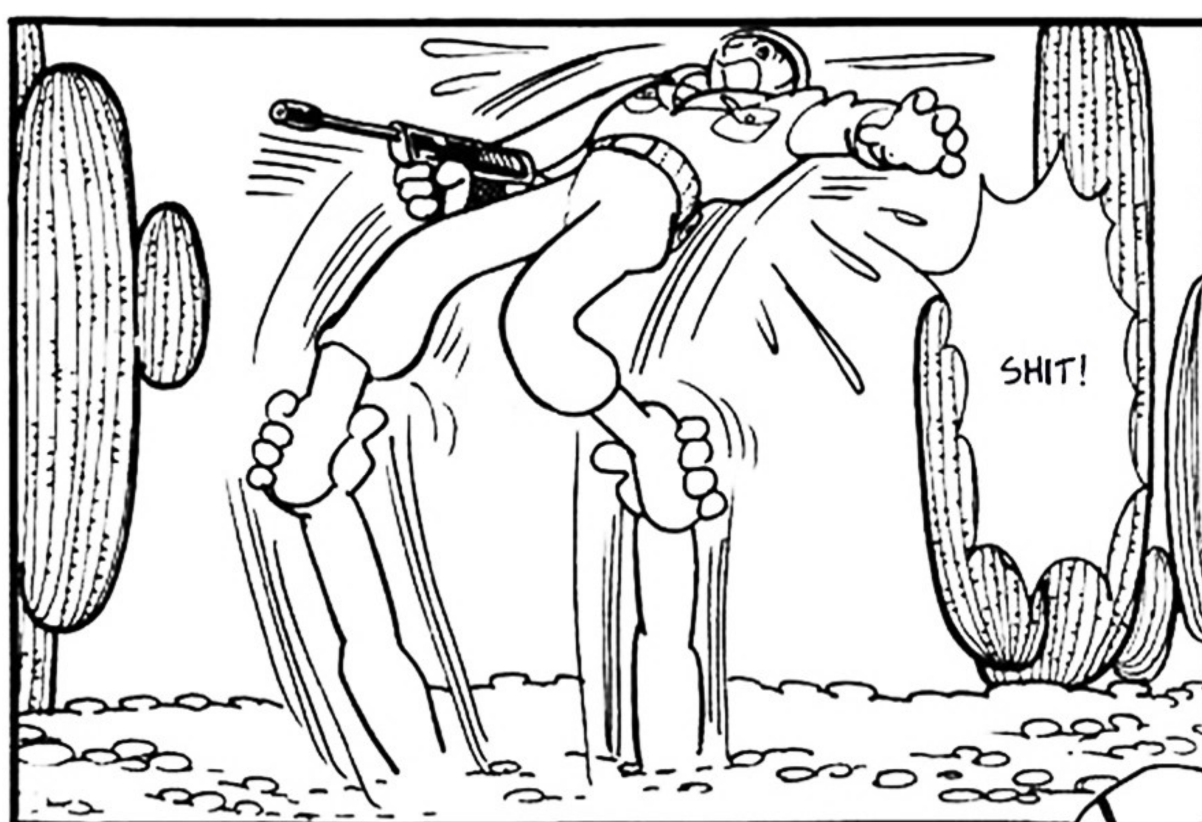

HI-YA!


SQUEEZE

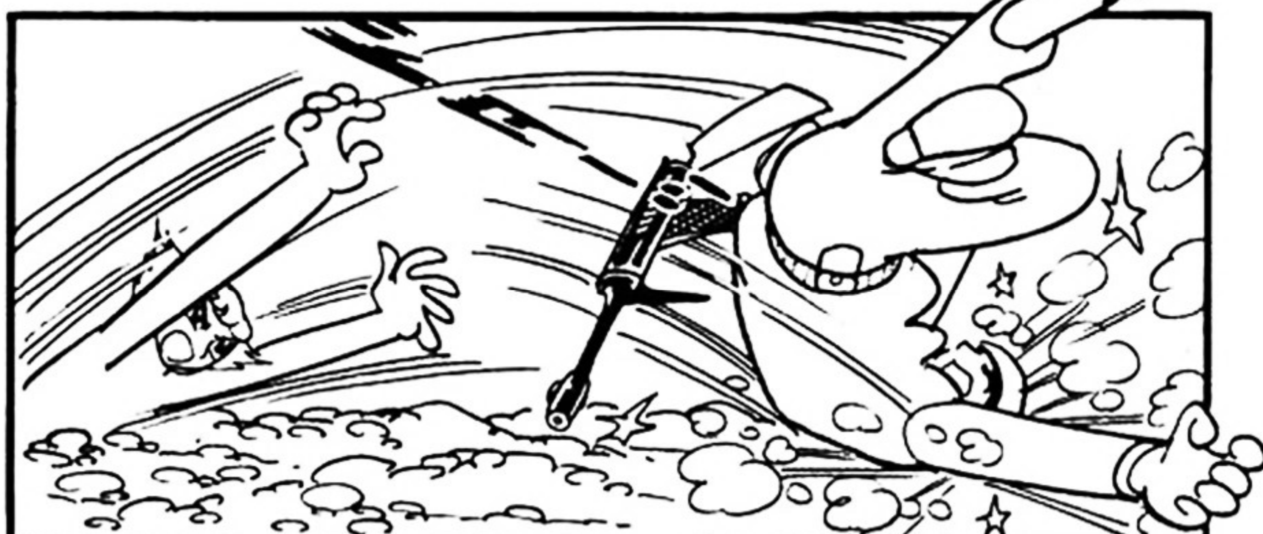



SURPRISE SURPRISE, THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING




SHIT!

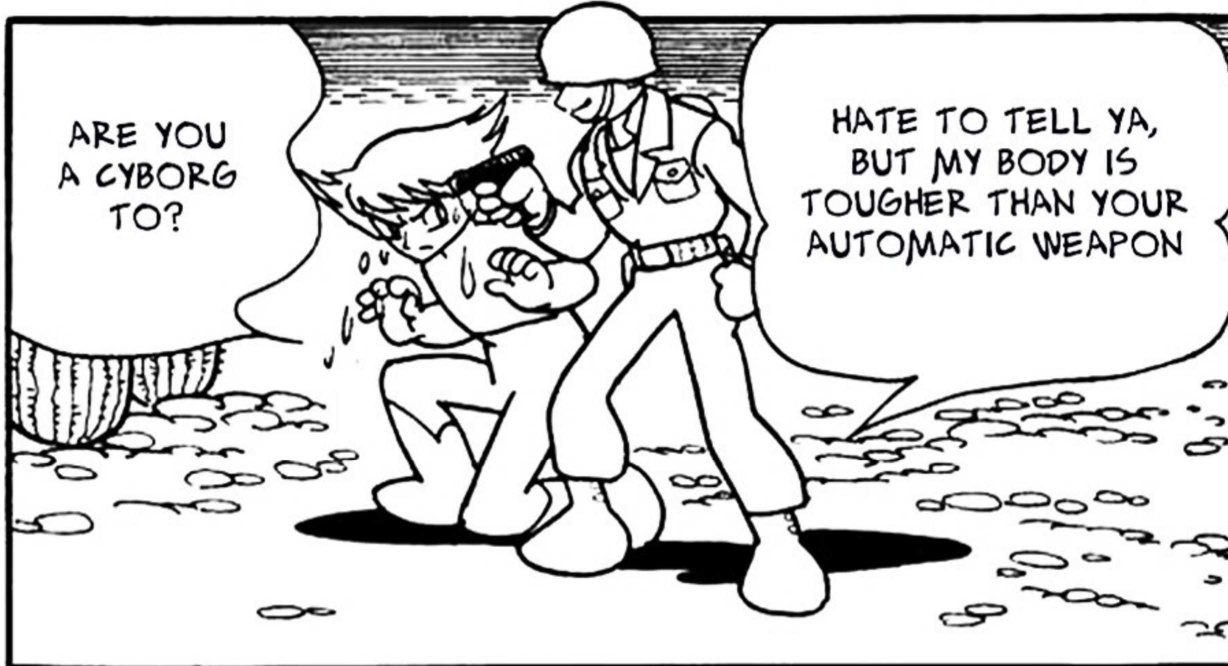








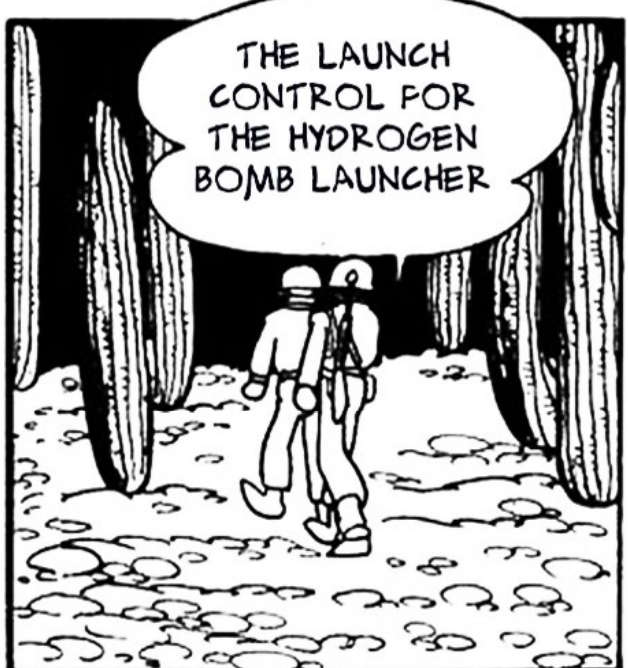

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS GUY?


ARE YOU A CYBORG TO?
HATE TO TELL YA, BUT MY BODY IS TOUGHER THAN YOUR AUTOMATIC WEAPON


WELL NOW ...



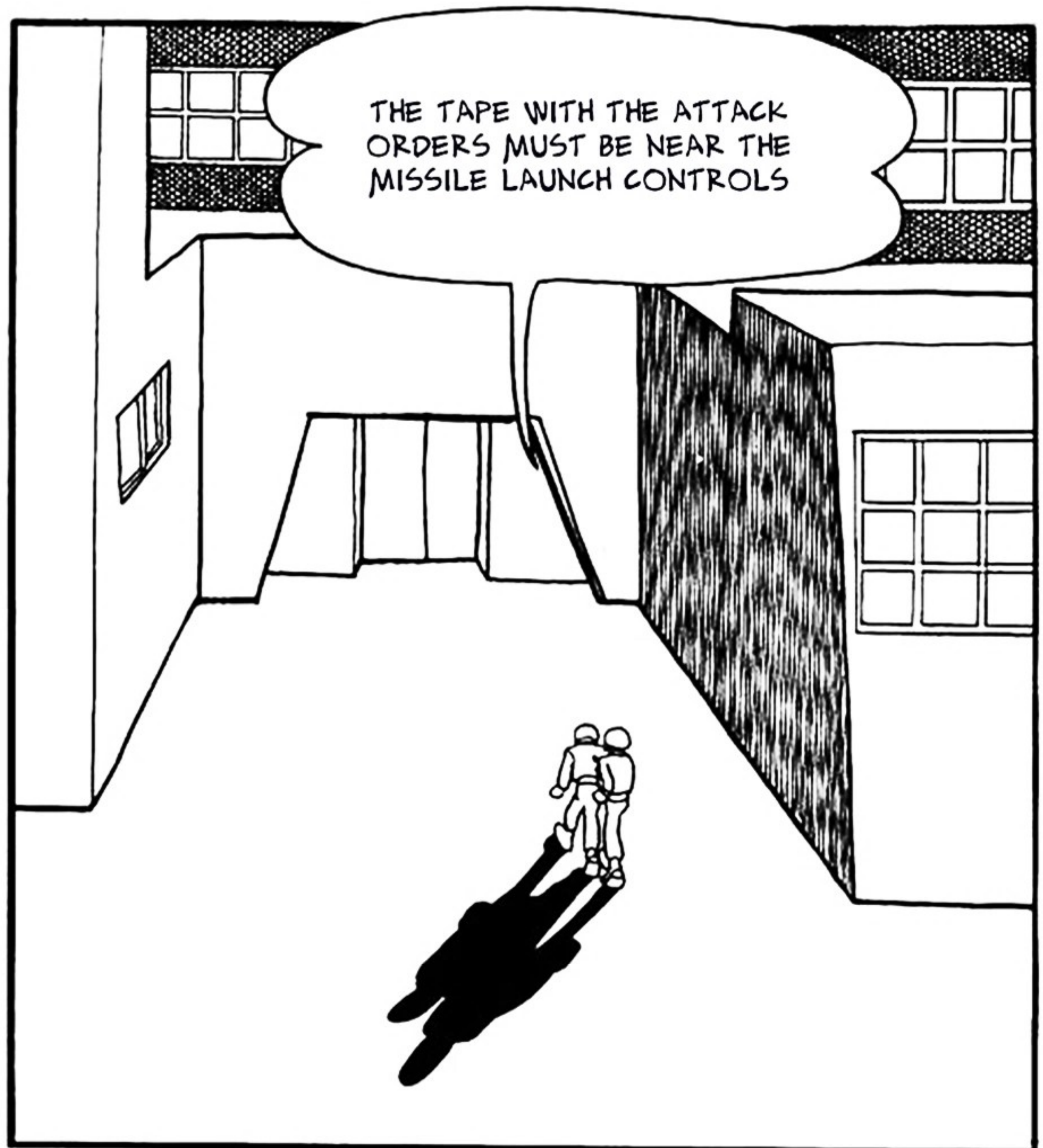

THE PISTOL CAN FIRE FASTER THAN YOU CAN PHASE INTO THE GROUND
STAY CLOSE TO ME

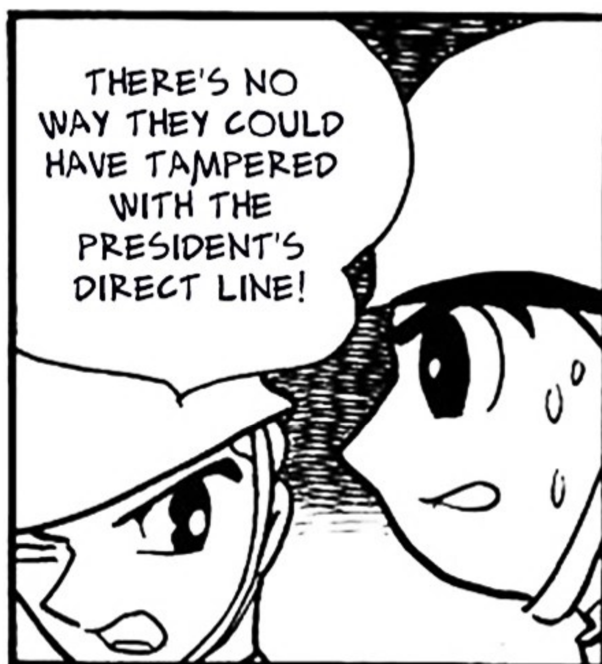

THE LAUNCH CONTROL FOR THE HYDROGEN BOMB LAUNCHER


WHICH ROOM IS THE FIRING CONTROL IN?


AND I NEED A PARTNER SO I CAN GET INSIDE THE BUILDING

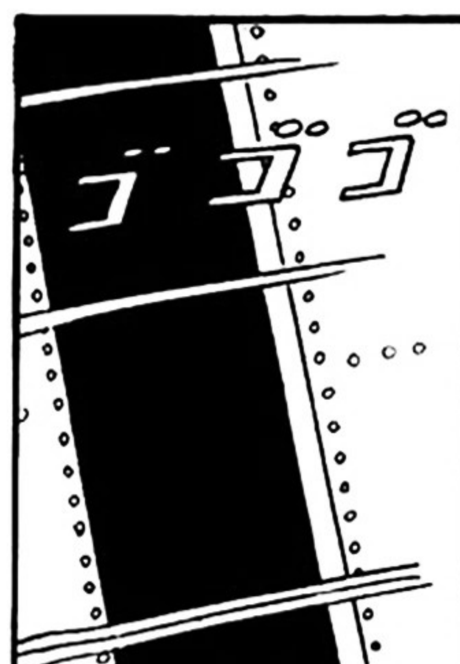

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME
IN JUST ONE MORE HOUR AND WE'RE GOING TO BE IN OVER OUR HEADS
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

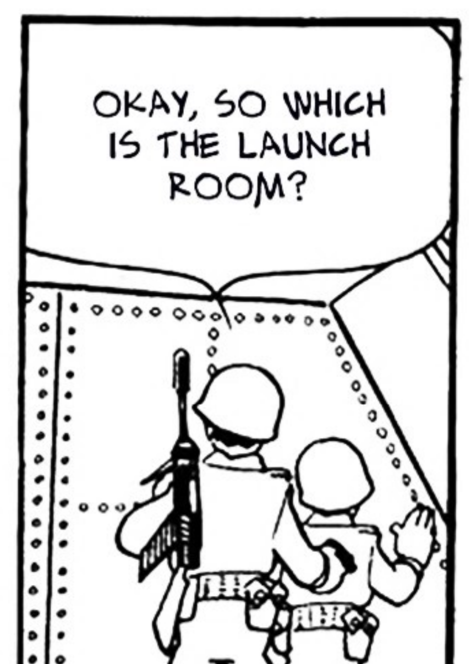

THE TAPE WITH THE ATTACK ORDERS MUST BE NEAR THE MISSILE LAUNCH CONTROLS

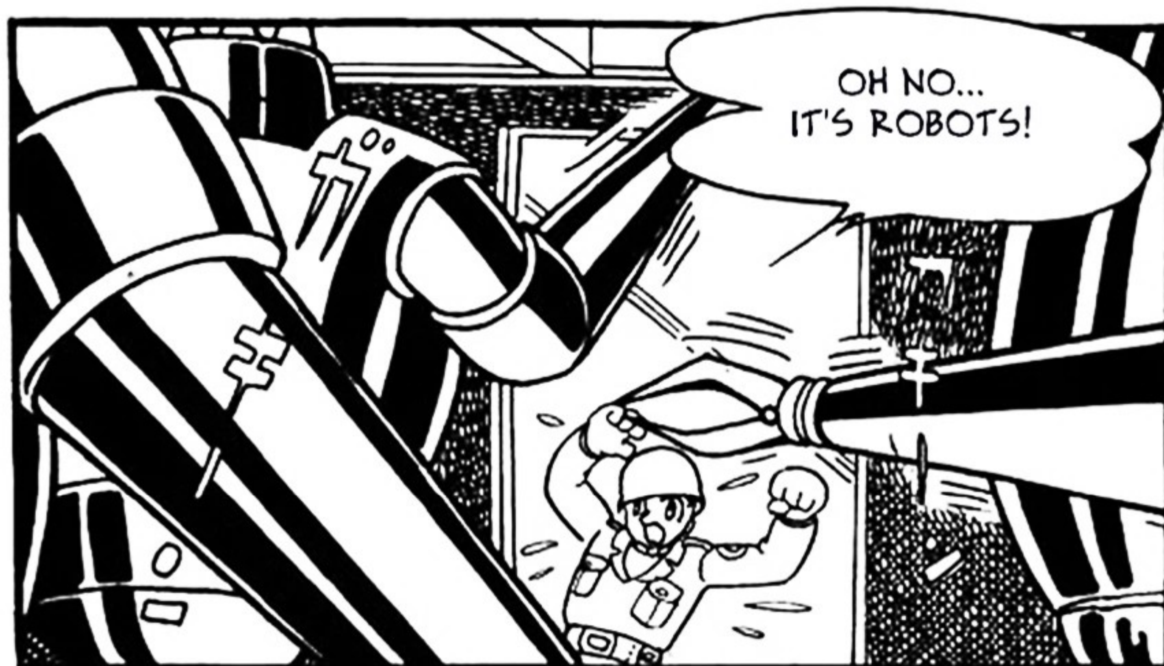

THERE'S NO WAY THEY COULD HAVE TAMPERED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECT LINE!

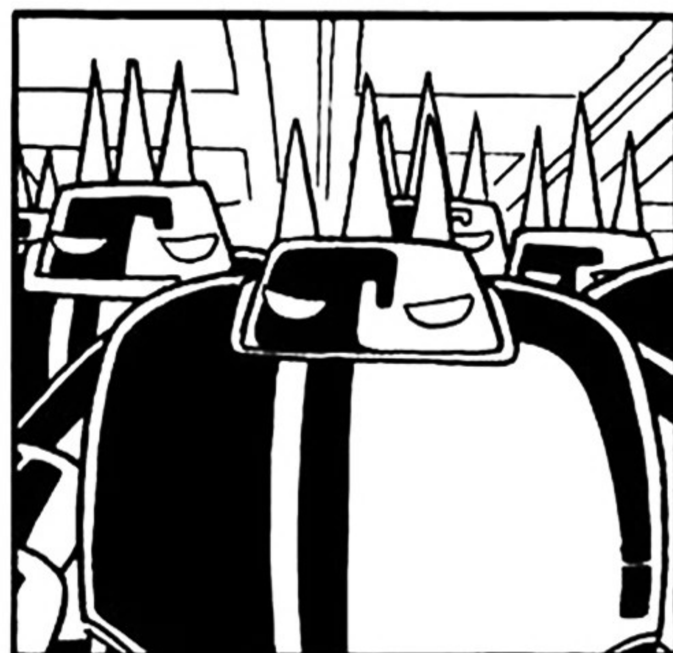

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THAT'S THE VOICE ON THE TAPE RECORDER
THERE'S A WAR COMING AND PRESIDENT SILVER IS GOING TO BE CALLING HERE WITH ORDERS


WOAH!


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OKAY, SO WHICH IS THE LAUNCH ROOM?


OH NO...
IT'S ROBOTS!



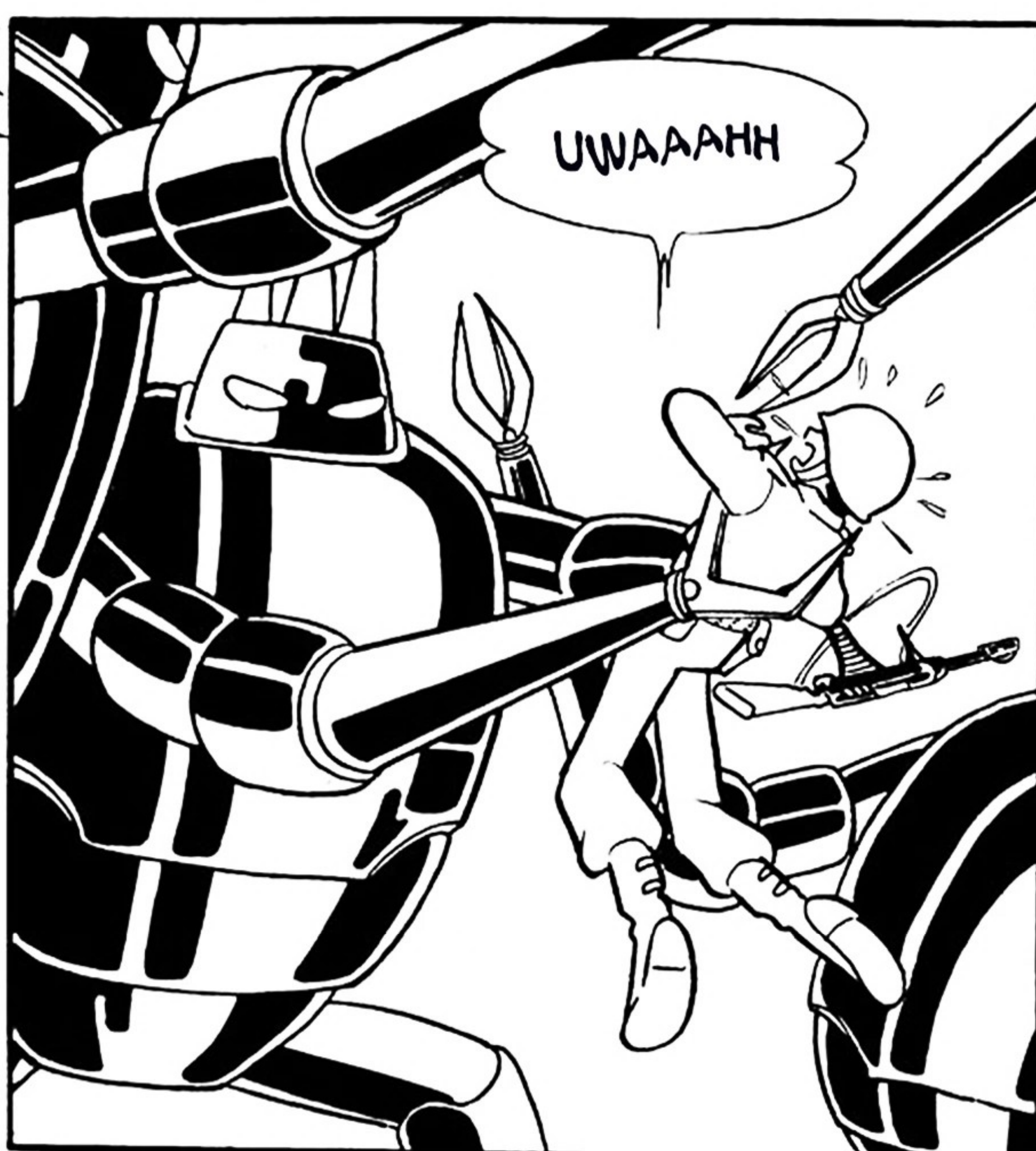

SHIT! YOU TRICKED ME!


GOOD BYE!


FOR NOW...


SON OF A BITCH!




UWAAAHH

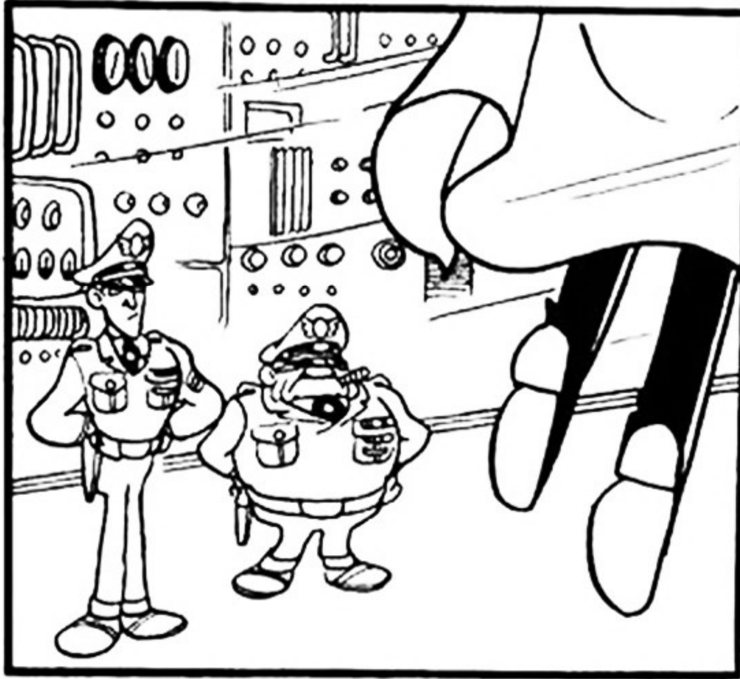
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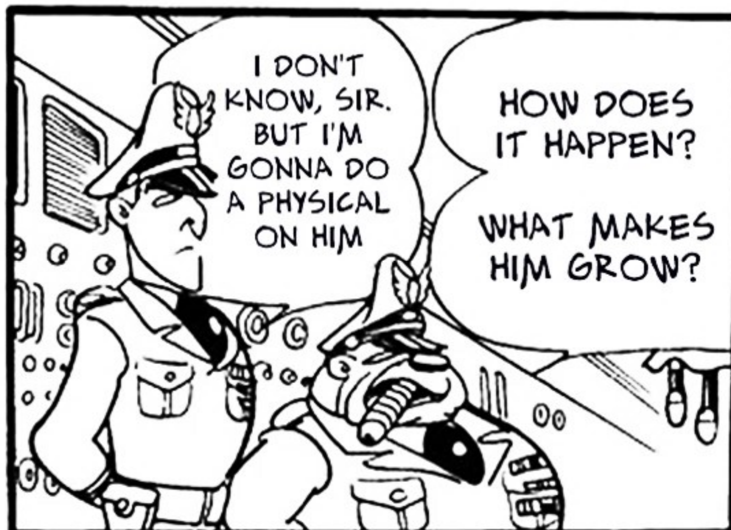




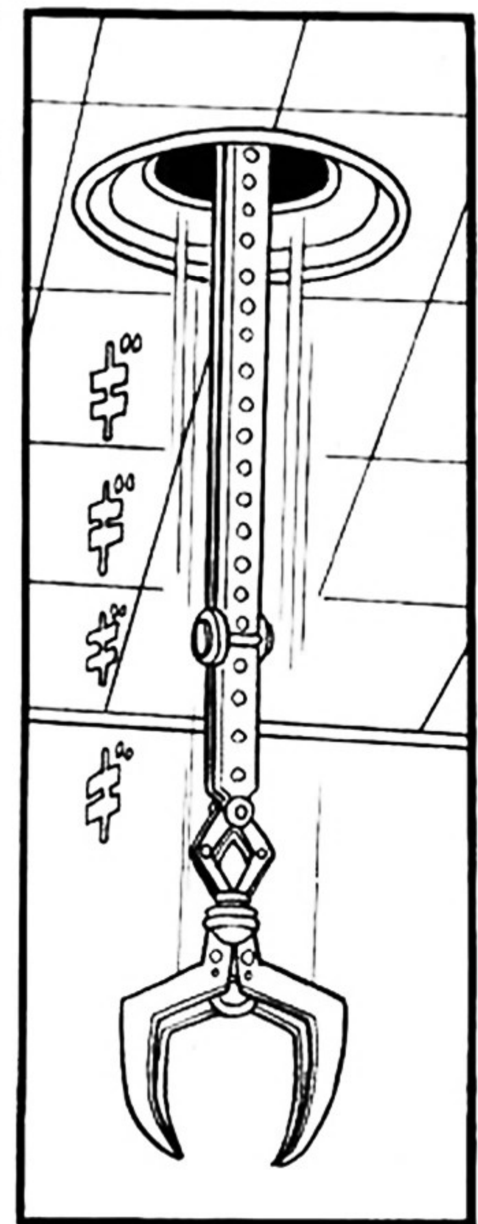
THAT'S RIGHT. THIS IS THE GUY WHO FOUGHT AGAINST THE NAZI ALLIANCE AND SUDDENLY GREW GIGANTIC AND CRUSHED THEM.

I'VE SEEN THIS THING BEFORE SIR. IT'S A MONSTER THAT GOES BY THE NAME OF BIG X

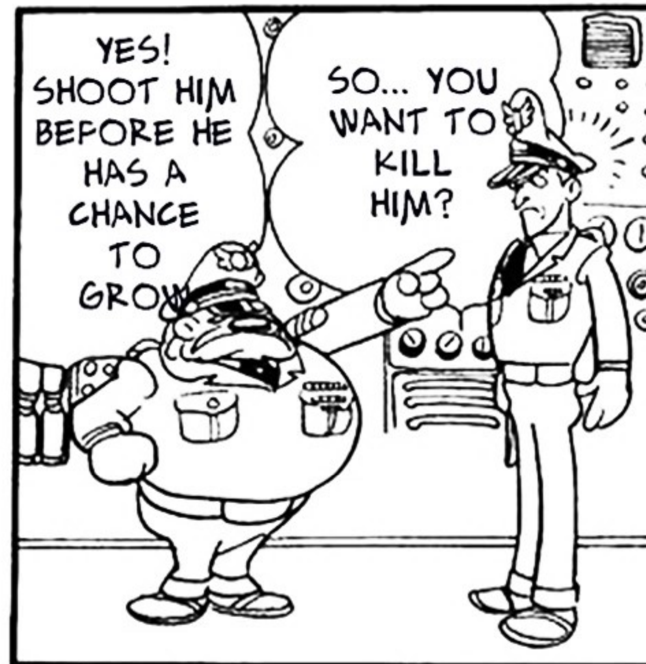


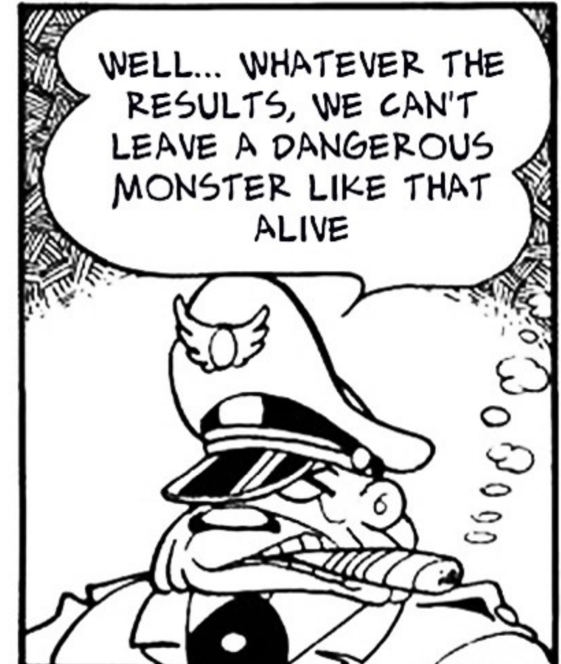






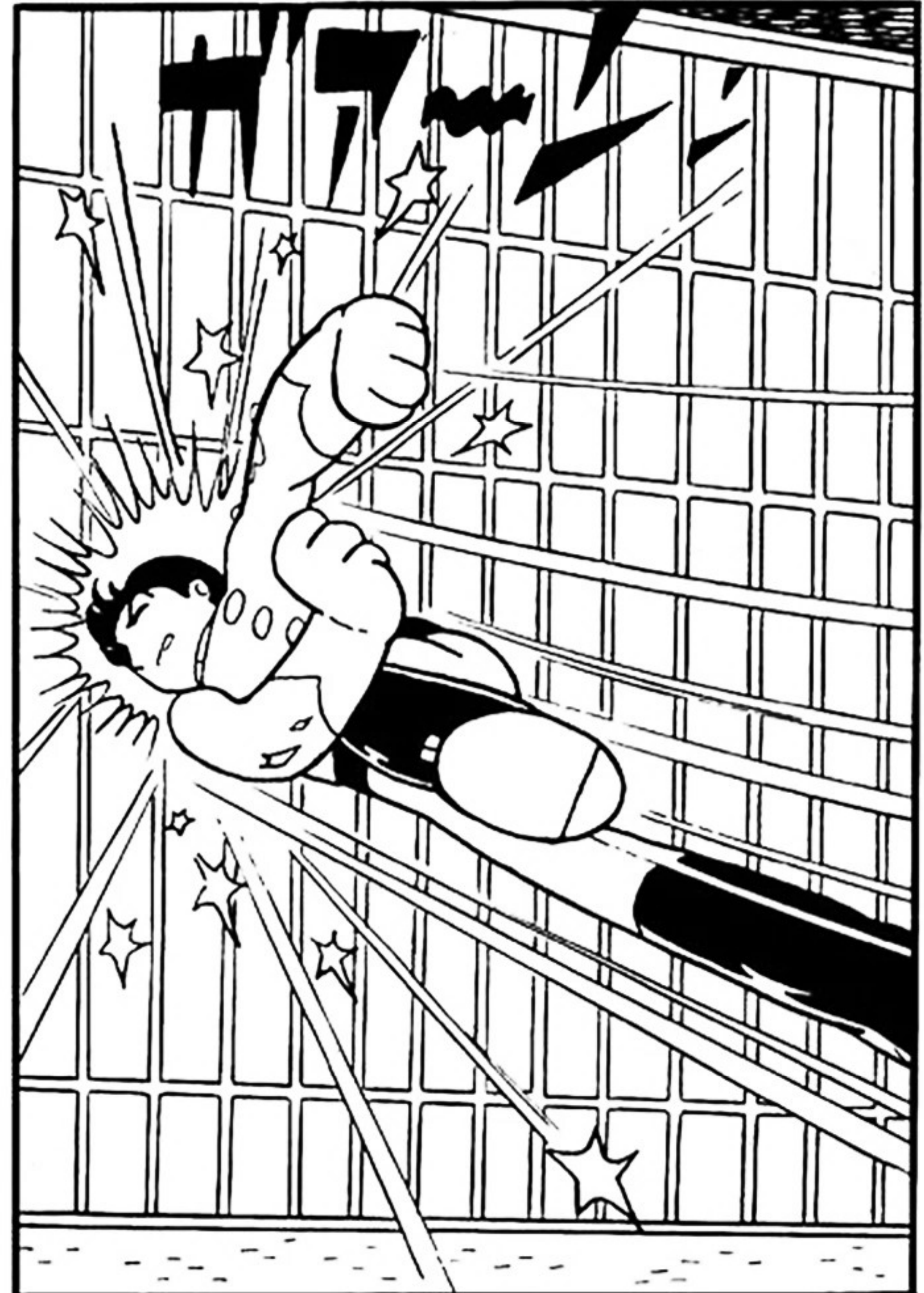

IF THIS BASE IS COMPROMISED WE'RE IN DEEP DOODOO
YESSIR!


SO... YOU WANT TO KILL HIM?
YES! SHOOT HIM BEFORE HE HAS A CHANCE TO GROW


WELL... WHATEVER THE RESULTS, WE CAN'T LEAVE A DANGEROUS MONSTER LIKE THAT ALIVE


WHAT? WHERE DID THEY PUT ME WHILE I WAS OUT?
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A CAGE HUH? NOT FOR LONG!







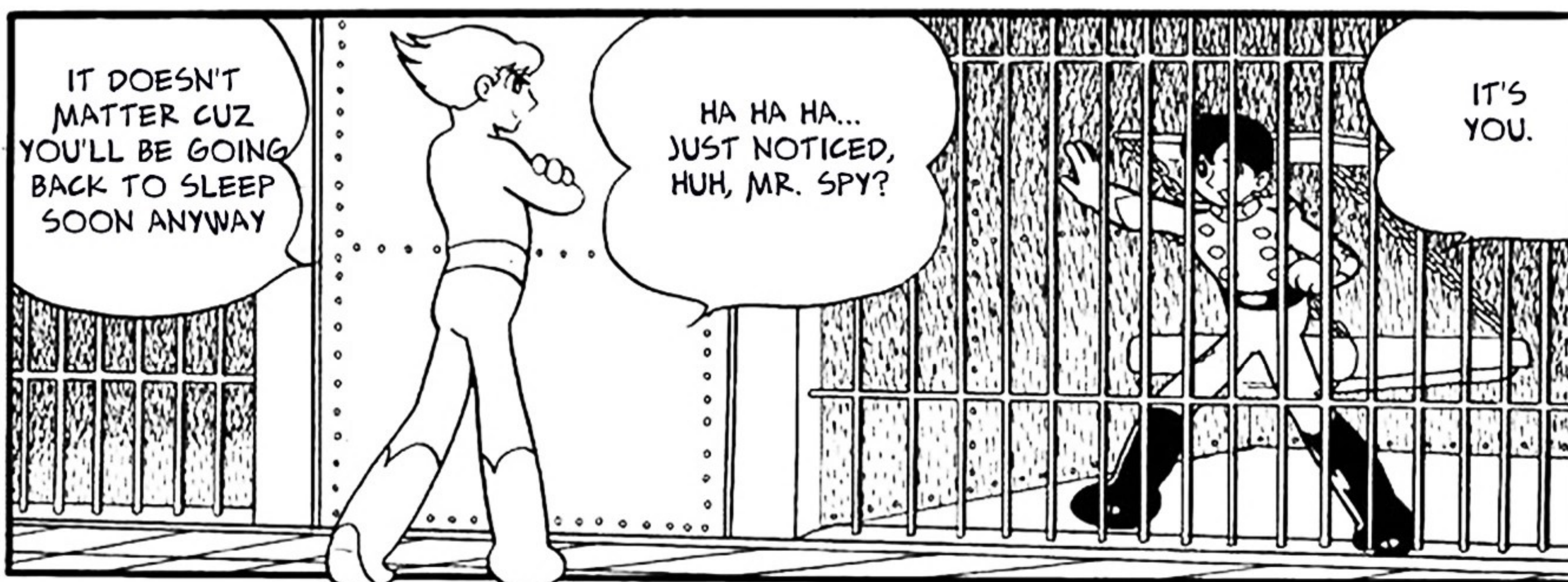


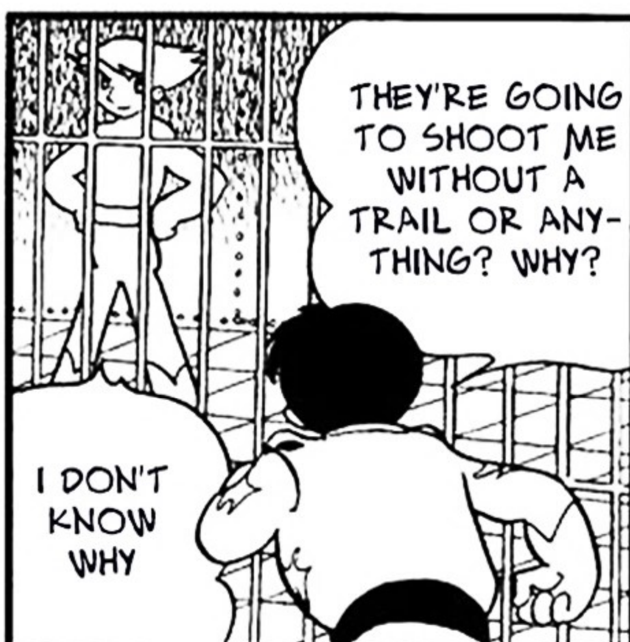

THERE MIGHT BE NO GETTING OUT OF THIS MESS
THE PEN IS GONE!


CRAP! I'M OUT OF THE DRUG. IT MUST HAVE RUN OUT WHILE I WAS PASSED OUT


HA HA HA HA

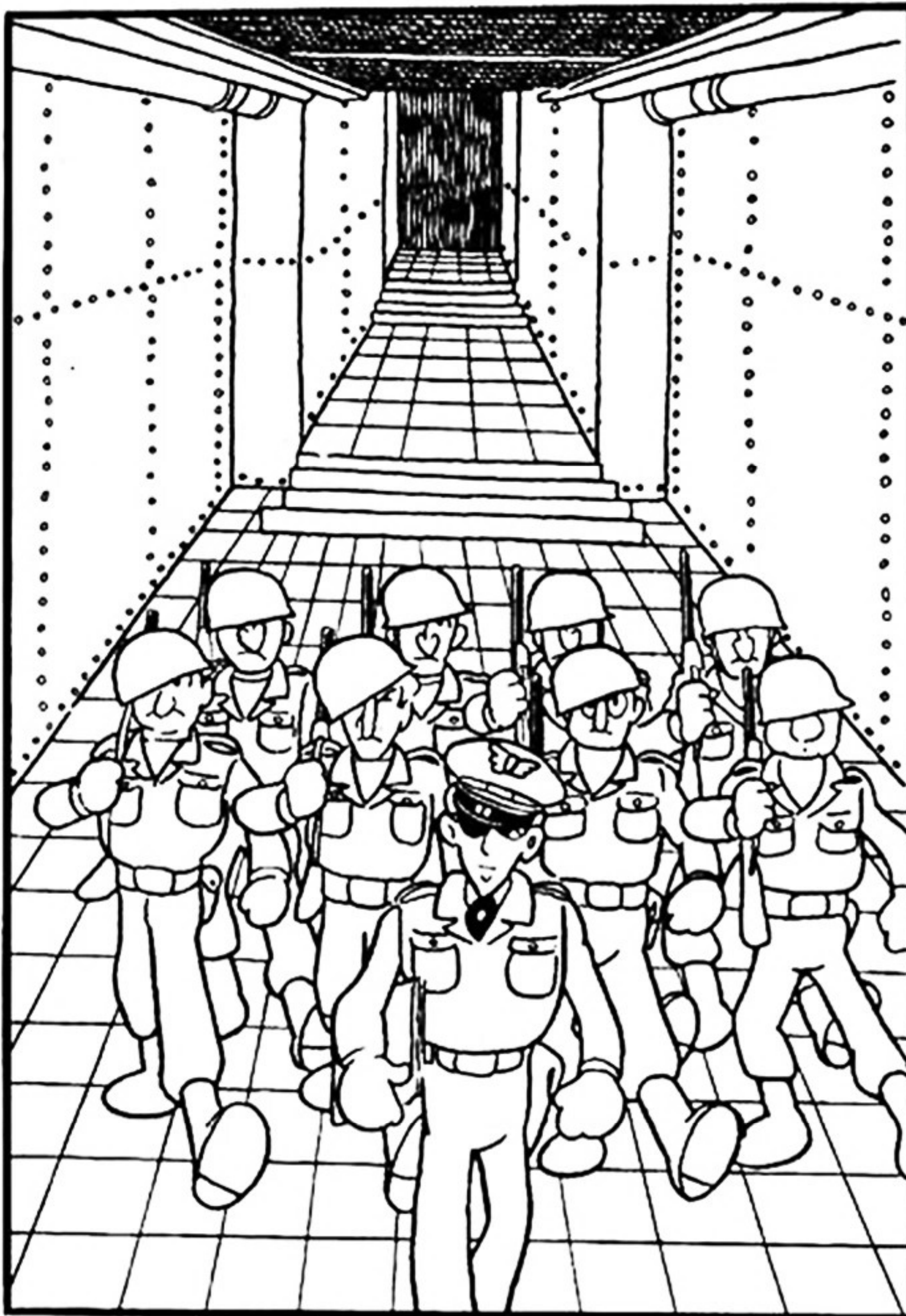

AND JUST WHEN A WORLD WAR IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

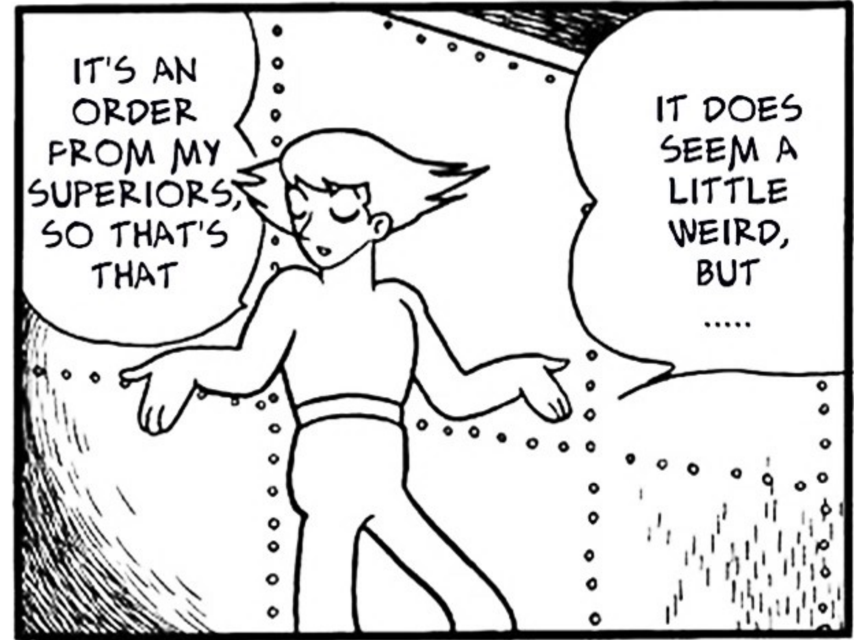

IT'S YOU.
HA HA HA... JUST NOTICED, HUH, MR. SPY?
IT DOESN'T MATTER CUZ YOU'LL BE GOING BACK TO SLEEP SOON ANYWAY


THEY'RE GOING TO SHOOT ME WITHOUT A TRAIL OR ANY-THING? WHY?
I DON'T KNOW WHY


I'M SORRY BUT IN 10 MINUTES THEY'RE GOING TO SHOOT YOU. AND I'M HERE TO LET YOU KNOW IT.


HUH?

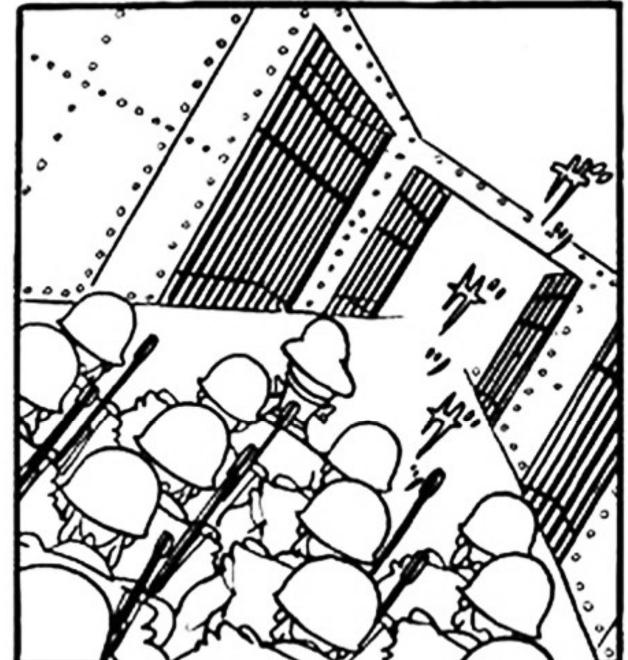



IT'S AN ORDER FROM MY SUPERIORS, SO THAT'S THAT
IT DOES SEEM A LITTLE WEIRD, BUT .....


LISTEN TO ME, I THINK YOU ARE SOMEONE WHO IS TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING .....

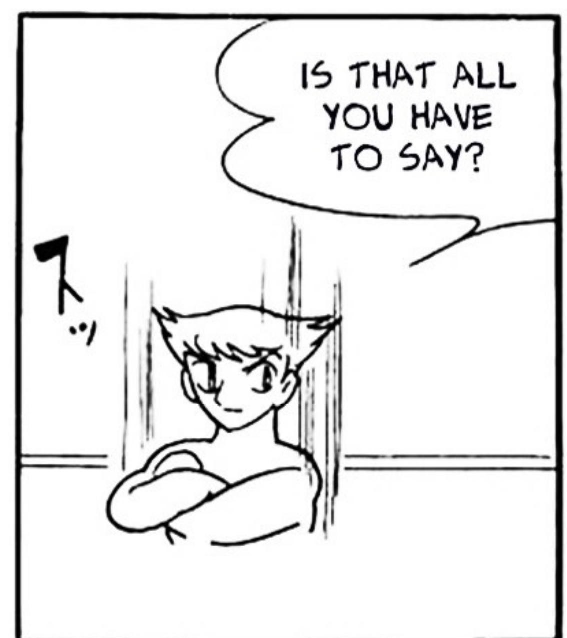

THAT PHONE IS FAKE. IT'S NOT CONNECTED TO THE OUT-SIDE WORLD AT ALL.


PLEASE JUST DO THIS ONE THING. CHECK ON THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECT PHONE LINE




THEY'RE HERE


WAIT! PLEASE WAIT A MINUTE...


IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?

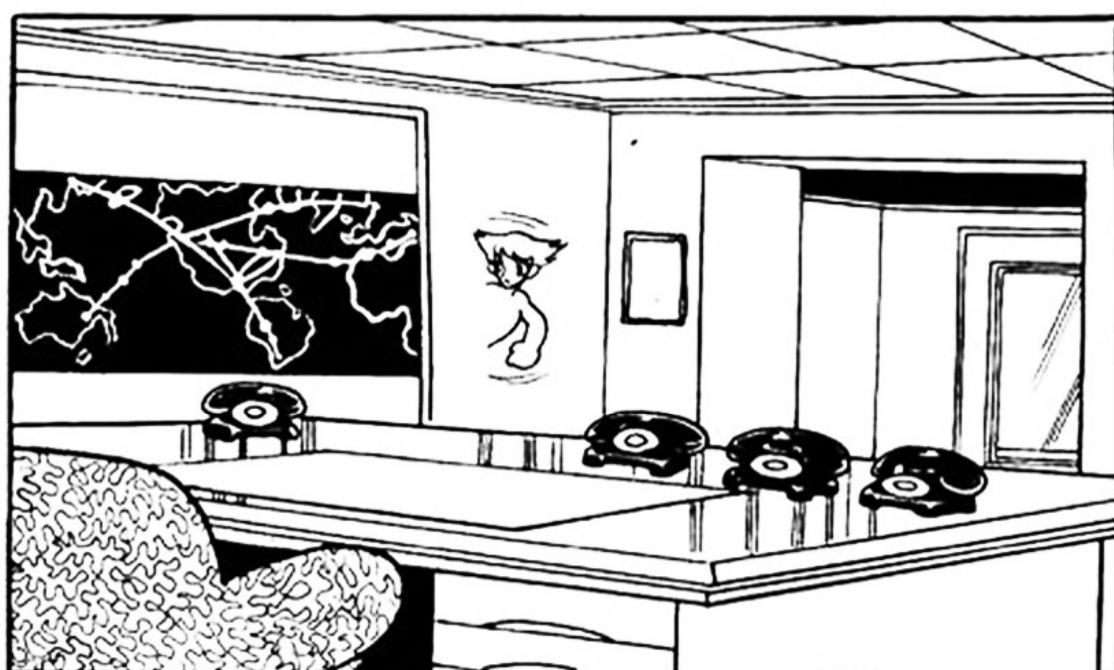

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I'LL CHECK YOUR STUPID PHONE


OH, VERY WELL .....


IS THIS THE END FOR HIM?

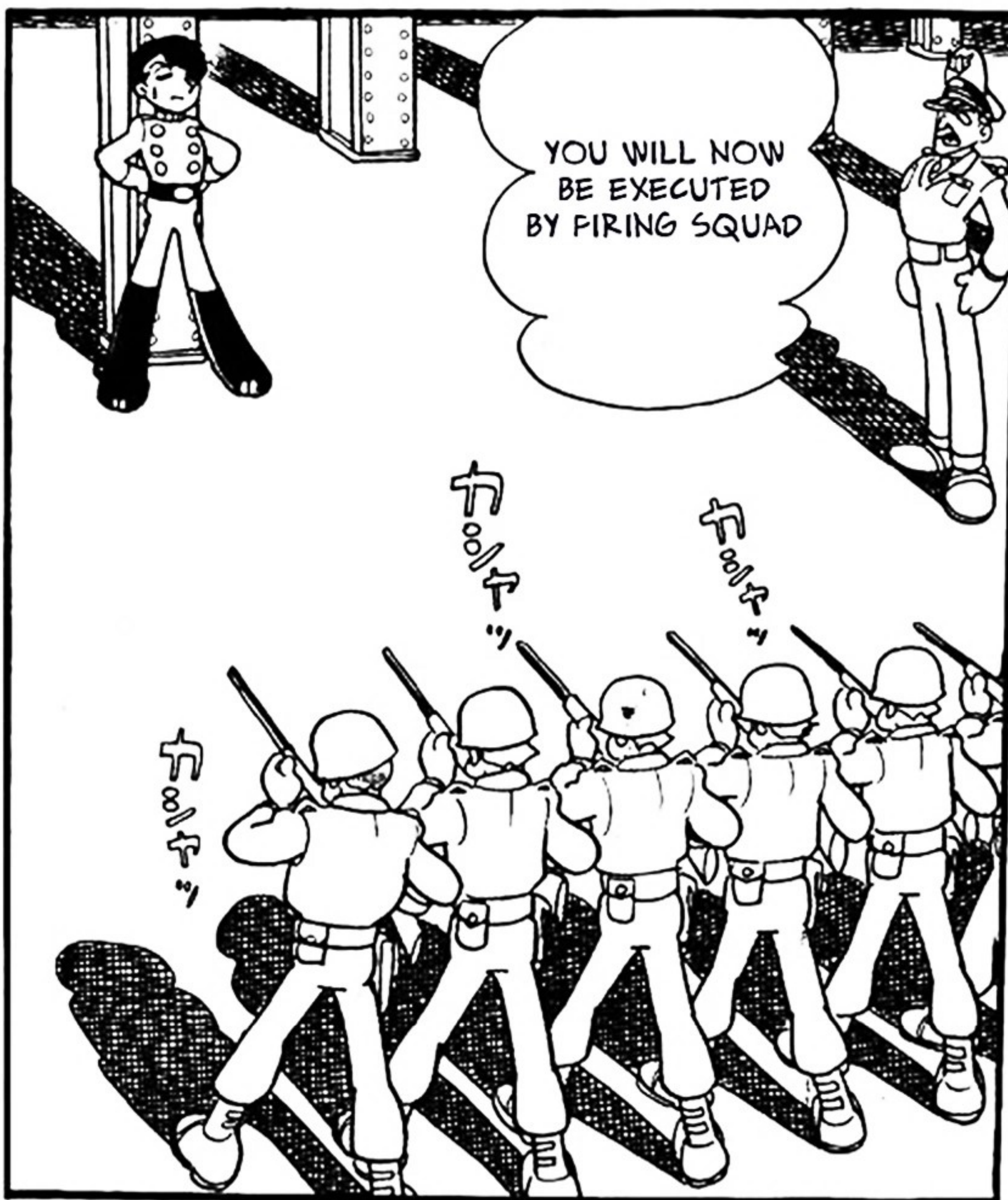

HMM I THINK THIS ONE'S THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECT LINE
GOOD THING THERE'S NO ONE IN THE CHIEF'S OFFICE



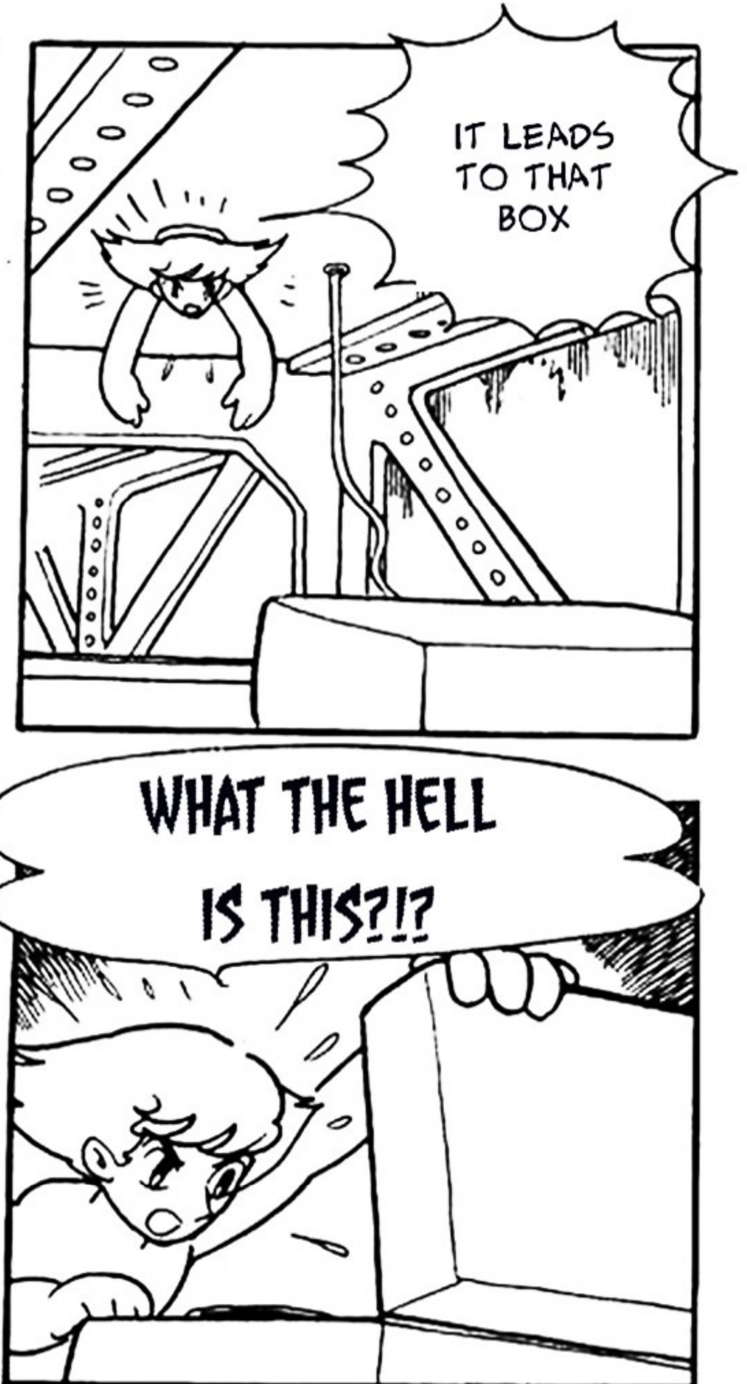

HMM THERE IS SOME-THING WEIRD WITH THIS LINE


HERE I GO


WHERE DOES THIS PHONE LINE GO? IS IT CONNECTED?

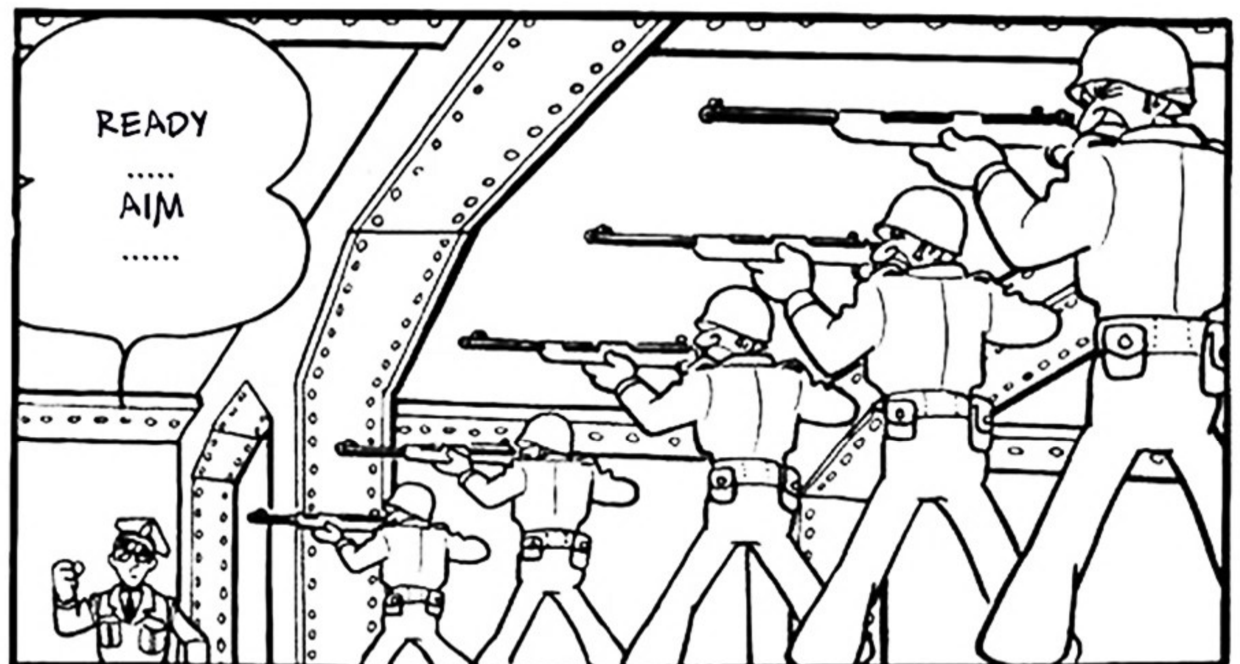


YOU WILL NOW BE EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD
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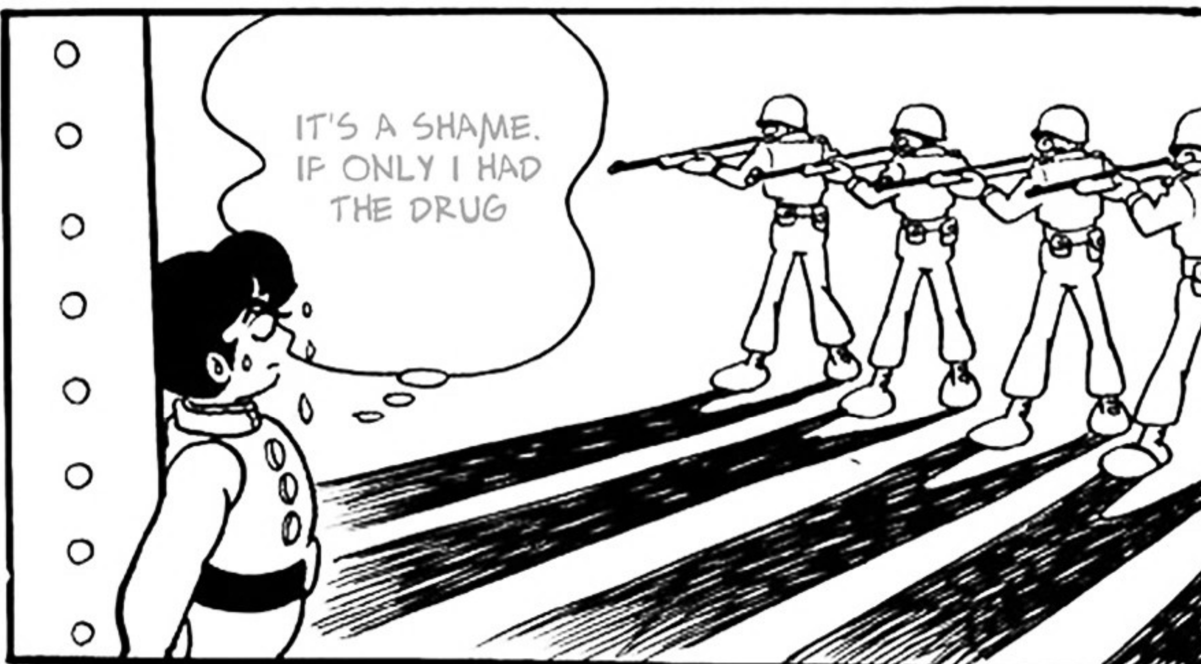


IT LEADS TO THAT BOX
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!?

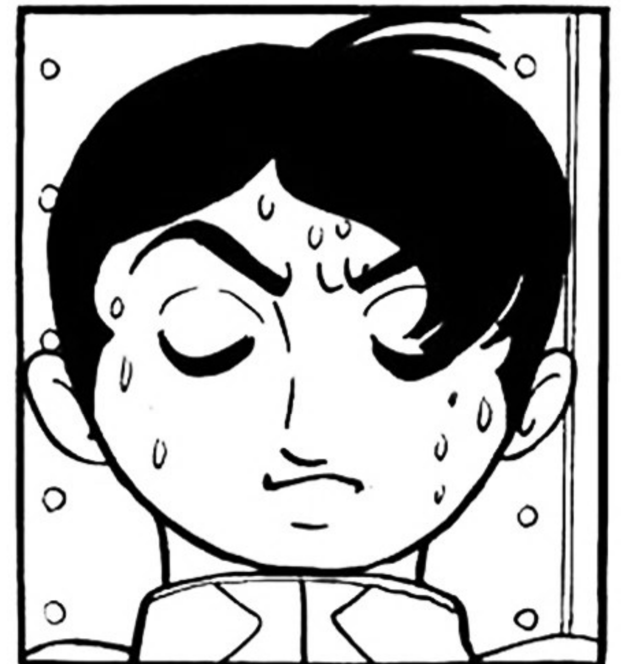




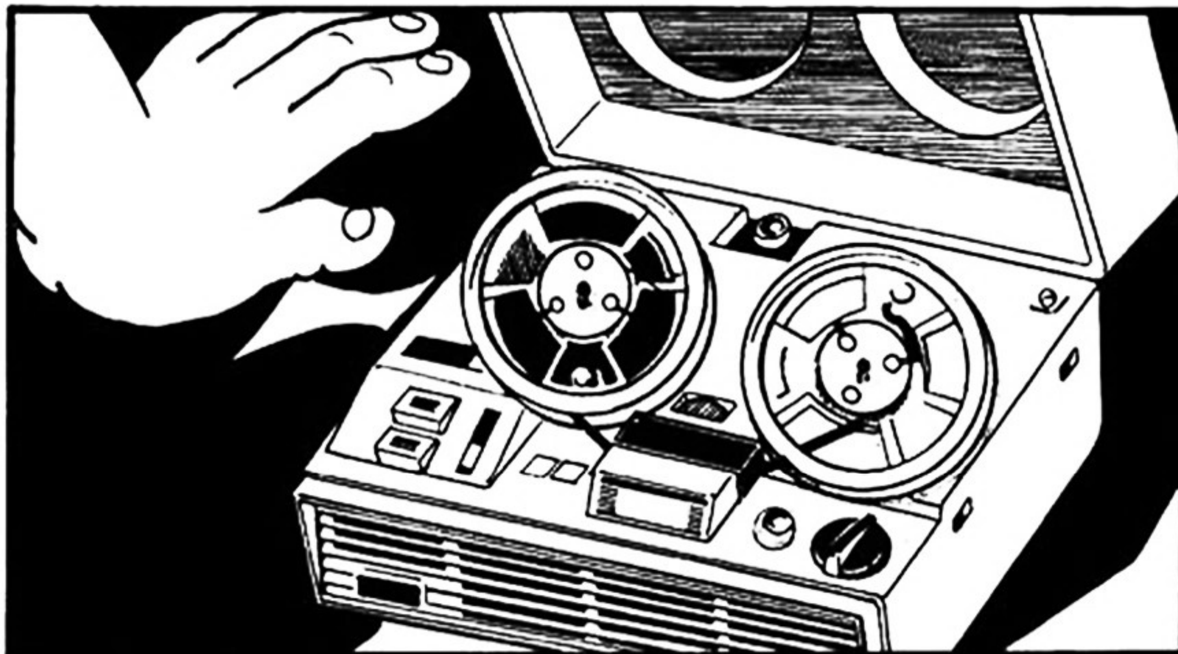
READY ..... AIM ......



IT'S A SHAME. IF ONLY I HAD THE DRUG

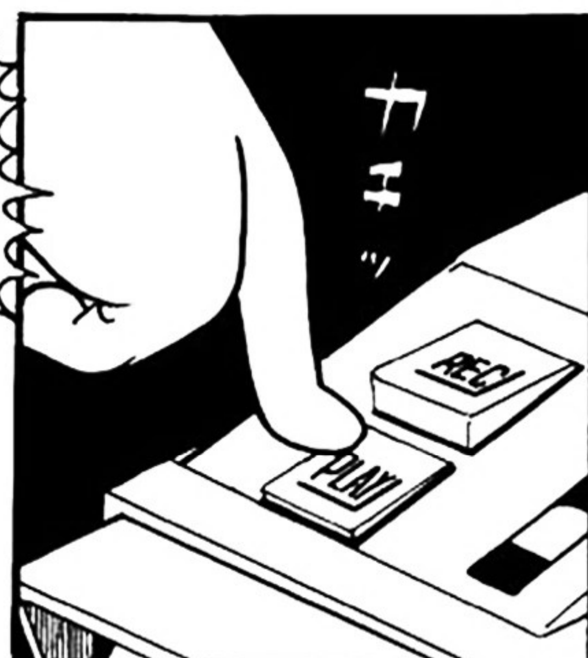


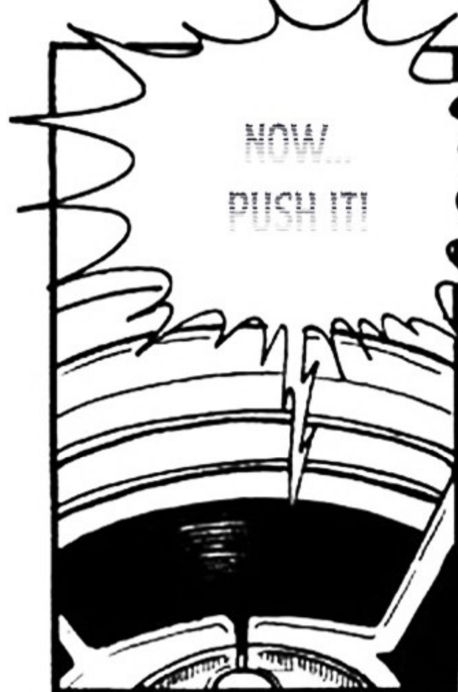





THAT'S... THAT'S THE VOICE OF PRESIDENT SILVER

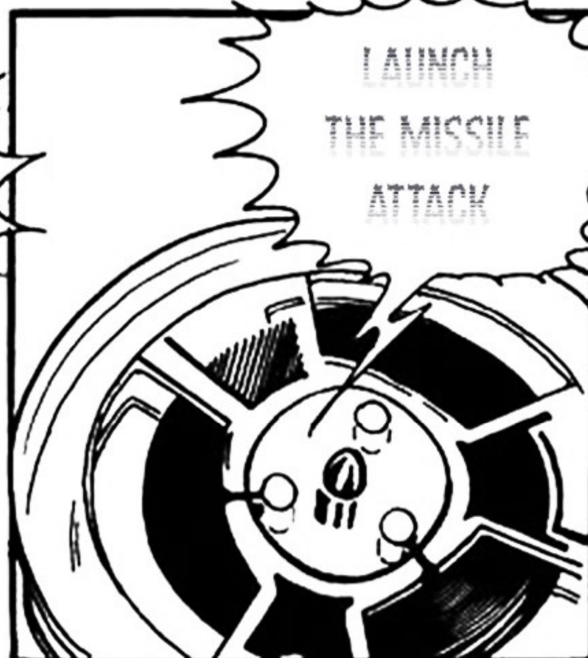

THIS IS AN ORDER TO THE BASE COMMANDER


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NOW... PUSH IT!



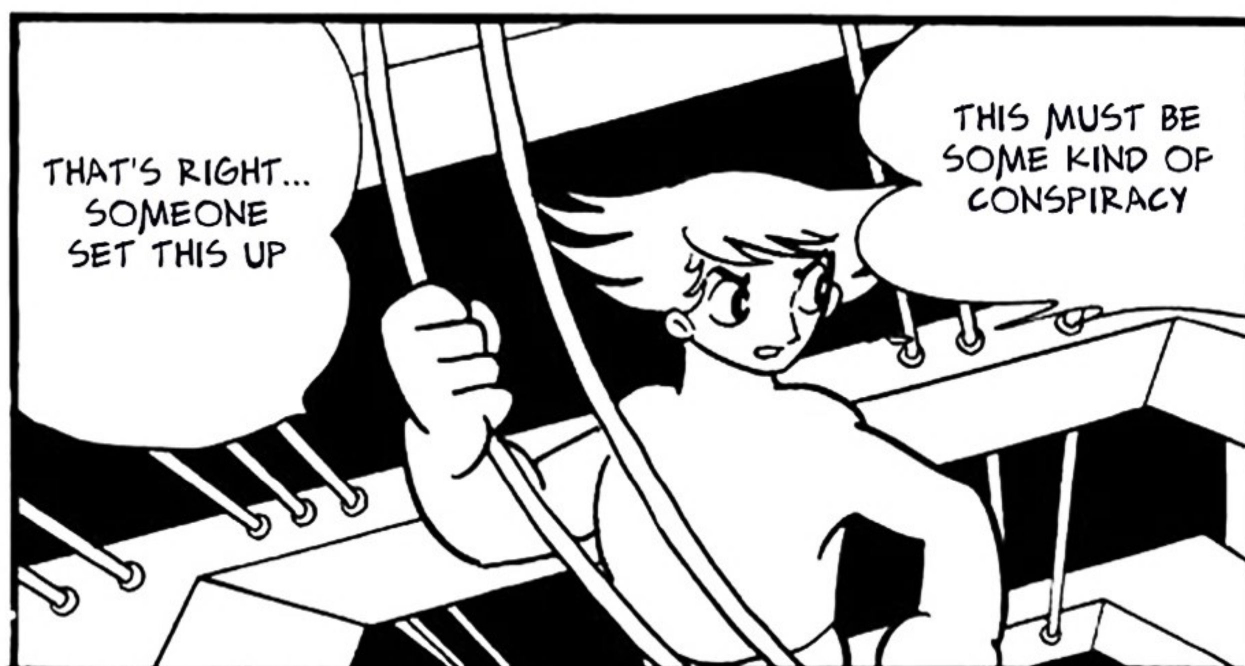

YOU HAVE TO PRESS THE BUTTON


LAUNCH THE MISSILE ATTACK

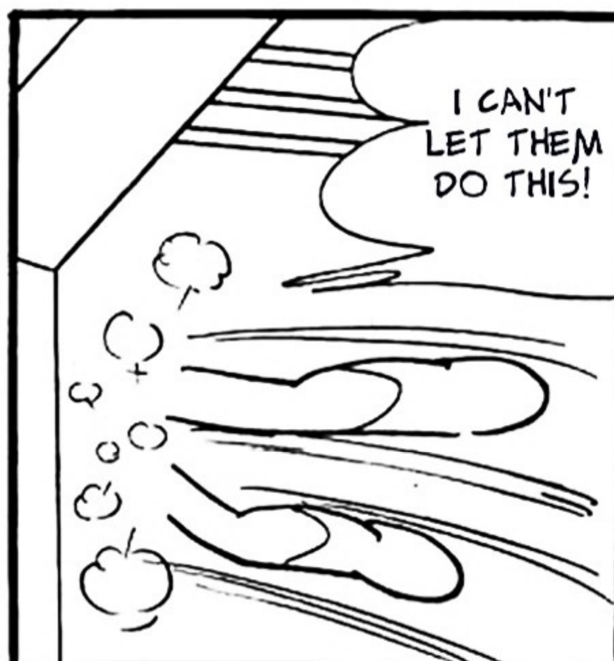

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?


IT'S... IT'S ALL ON A TAPE!
THE PRESIDENT'S ORDERS ARE...


THAT KID WAS RIGHT!

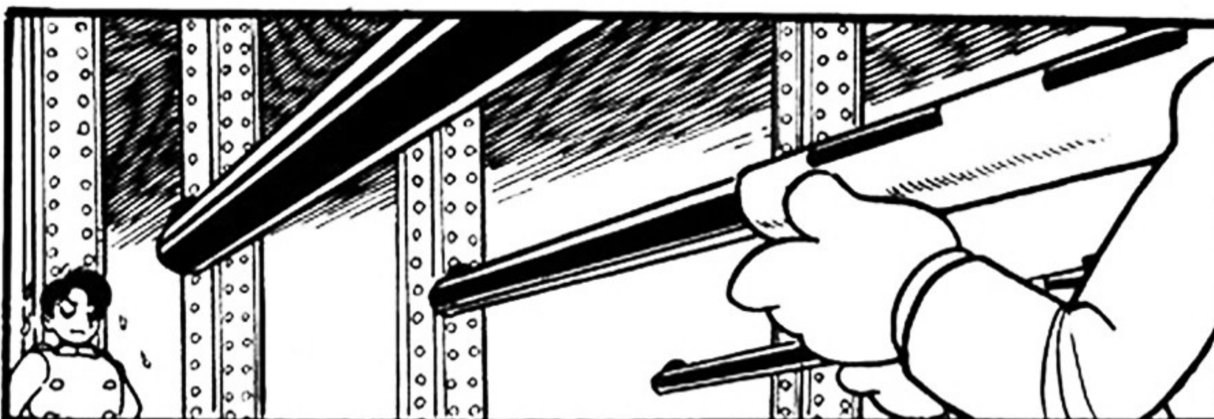

THIS MUST BE SOME KIND OF CONSPIRACY
THAT'S RIGHT... SOMEONE SET THIS UP


I HAVE TO HELP THE BOY!


I CAN'T LET THEM DO THIS!

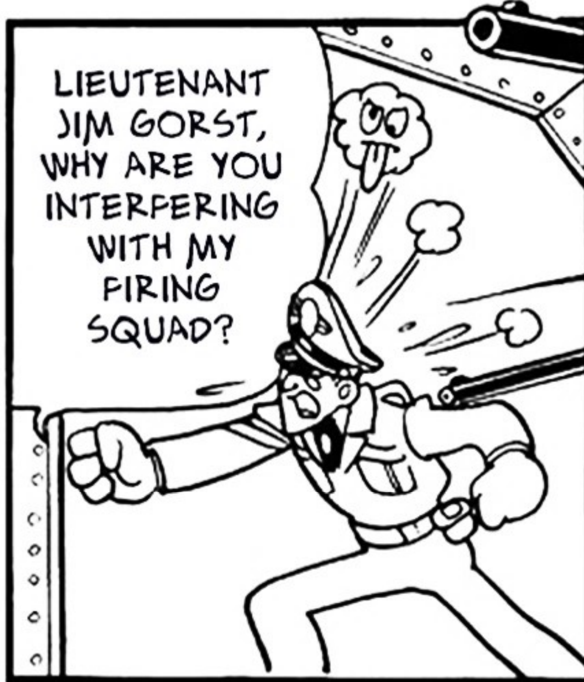


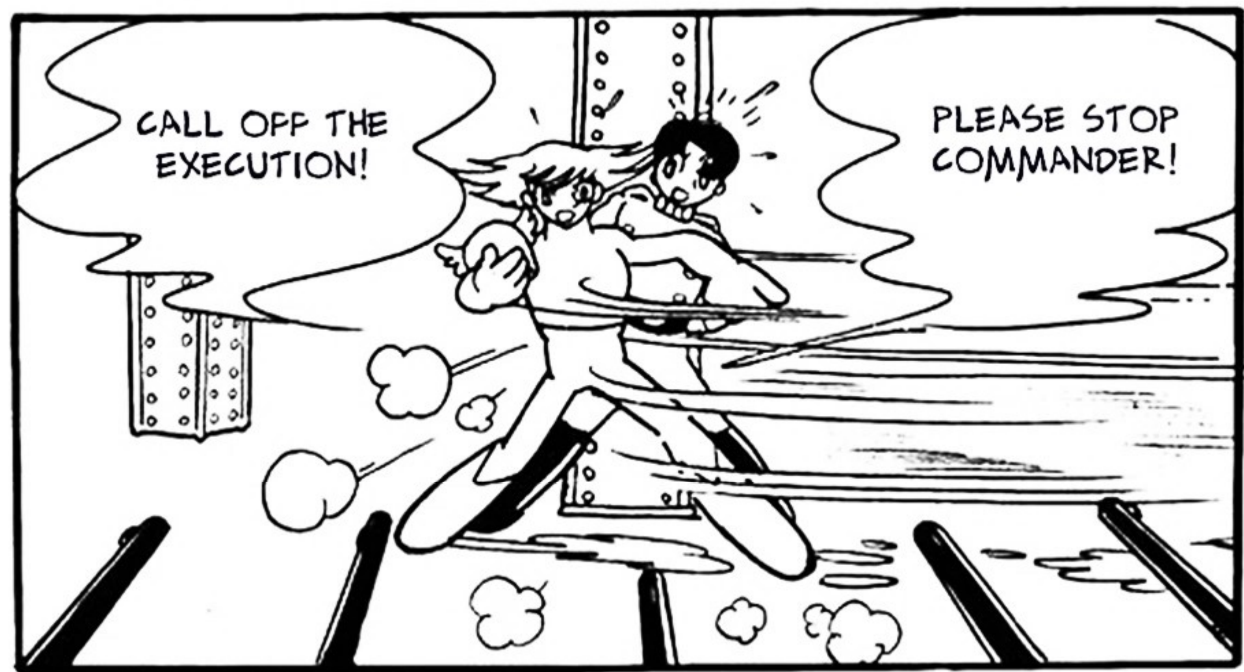


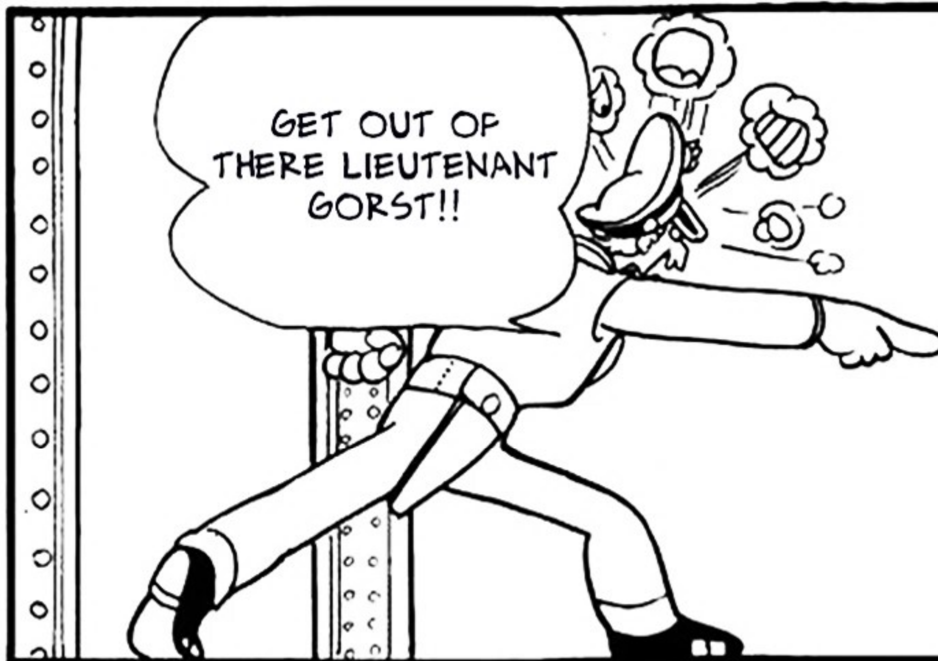



OKAY YEAH I'M TAKING THIS WITH ME

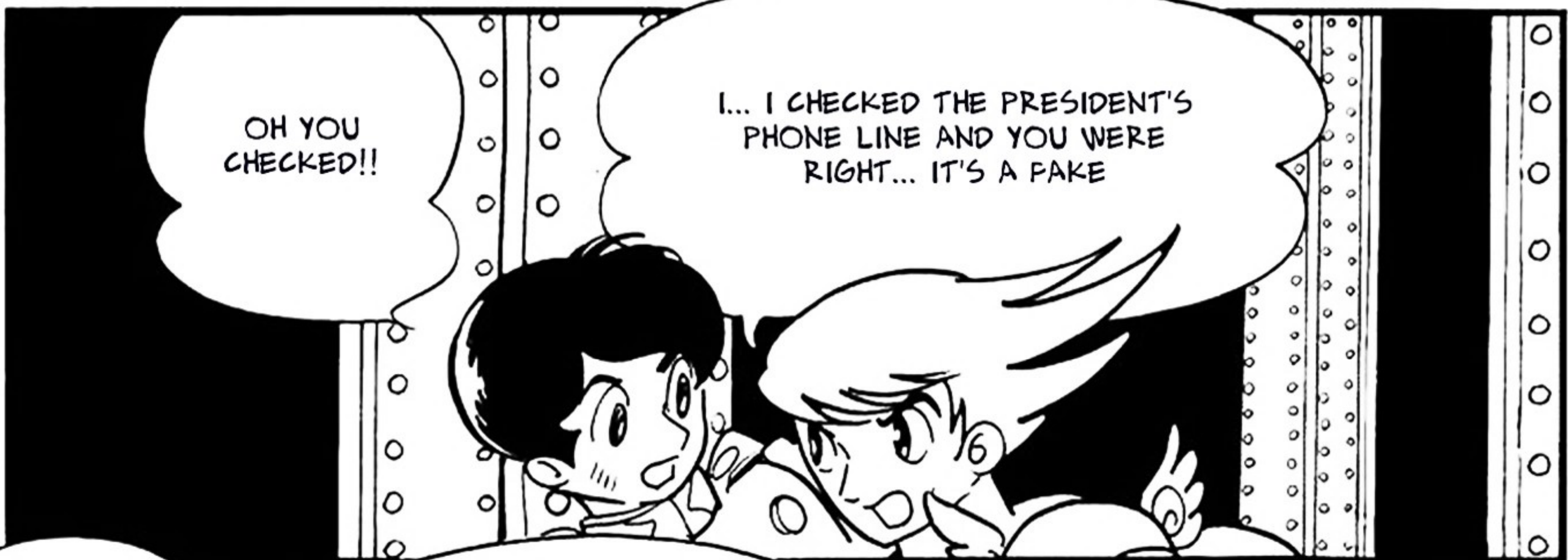

STOP!


LIEUTENANT JIM GORST, WHY ARE YOU INTERFERING WITH MY FIRING SQUAD?


CALL OFF THE EXECUTION!
PLEASE STOP COMMANDER!

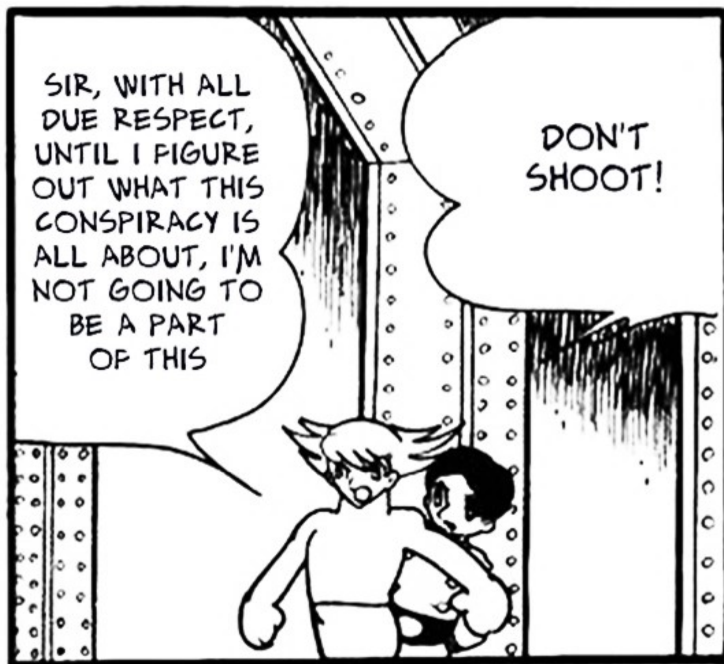

GET OUT OF THERE LIEUTENANT GORST!!


COMMANDER! PLEASE LET ME TALK TO THIS BOY


OH YOU CHECKED!!
I... I CHECKED THE PRESIDENT'S PHONE LINE AND YOU WERE RIGHT... IT'S A FAKE

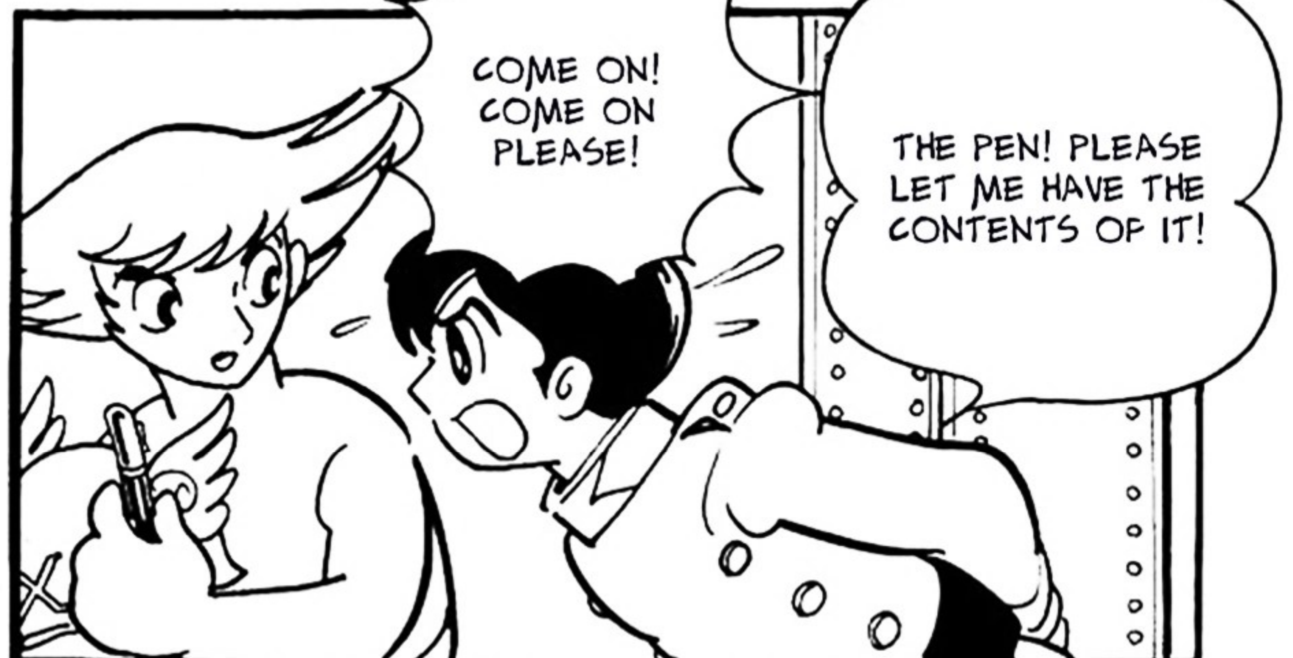

WHY WOULDN'T HE JUST MAKE THE CALL HIMSELF?
WHY DID THEY GO TO ALL THE TROUBLE TO MAKE IT WORK LIKE THAT?

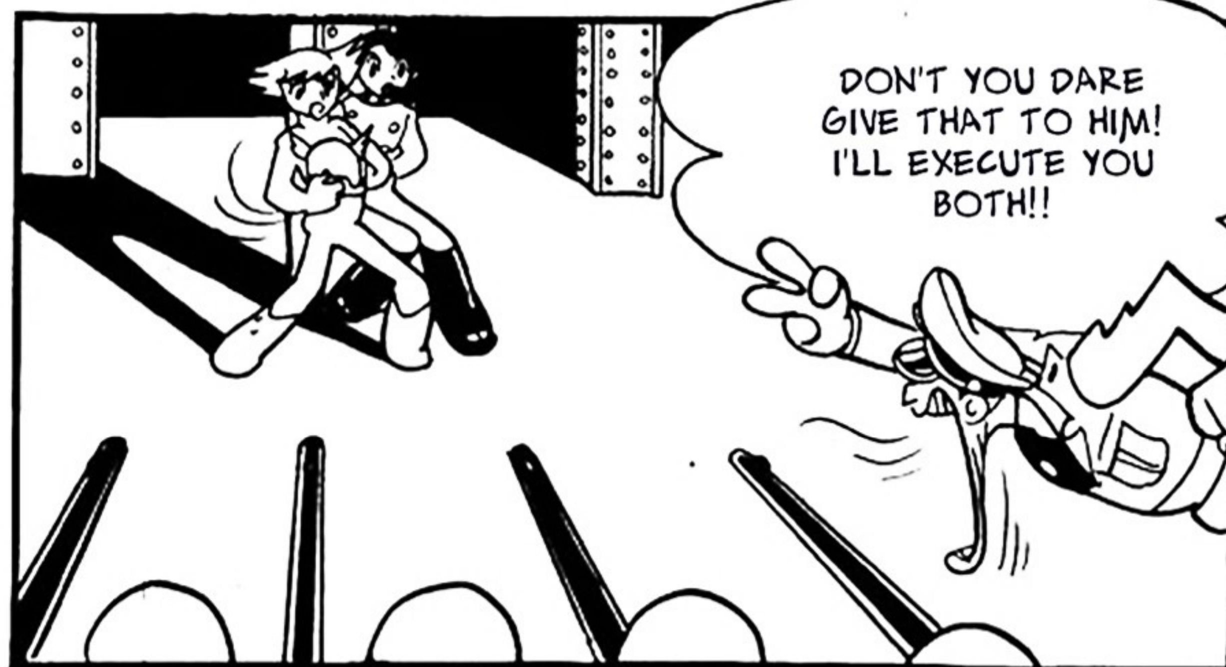

IT LEAD TO A TAPE RECORDER WITH THE PRESIDENT'S VOICE ON IT.
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?


SIR, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, UNTIL I FIGURE OUT WHAT THIS CONSPIRACY IS ALL ABOUT, I'M NOT GOING TO BE A PART OF THIS
DON'T SHOOT!


WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT?
IF YOU DON'T GET OUT OF THE WAY I'LL SHOOT YOU BOTH!

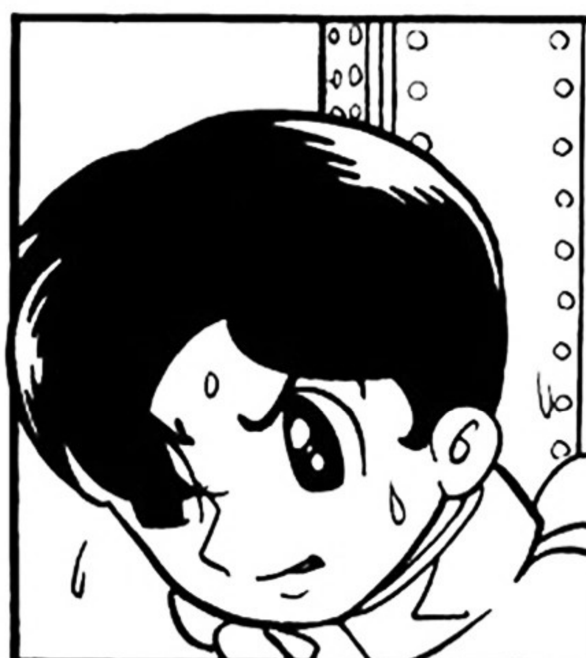

YOU TWIST IT AND THE DRUG COMES OUT


THE PEN! PLEASE LET ME HAVE THE CONTENTS OF IT!
COME ON! COME ON PLEASE!


DON'T YOU DARE GIVE THAT TO HIM! I'LL EXECUTE YOU BOTH!!


THANK YOU!

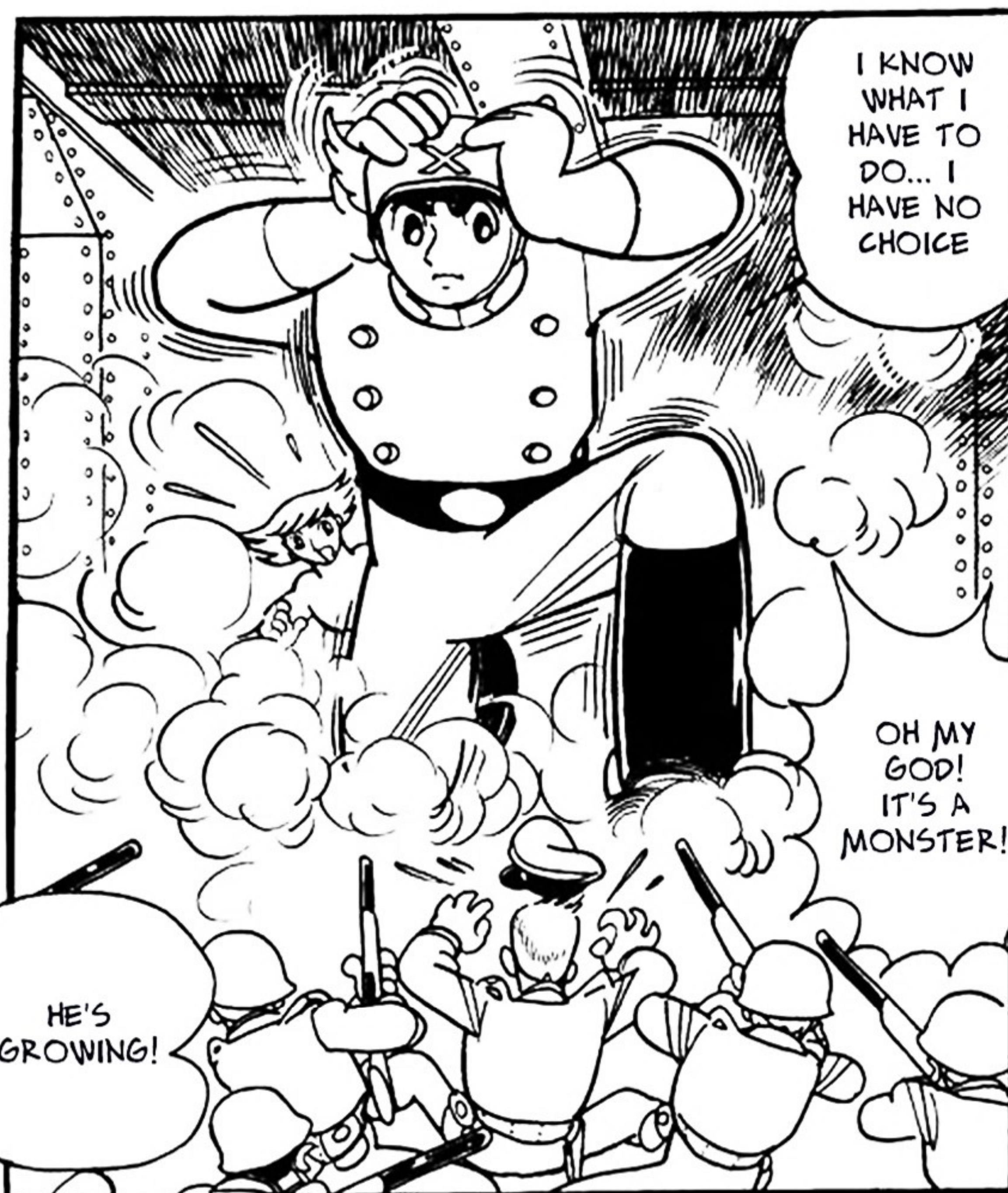




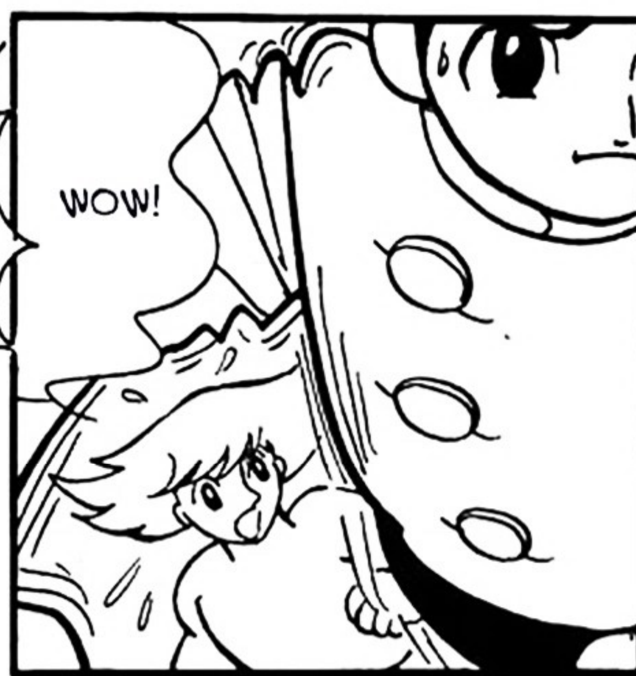

FIRE!





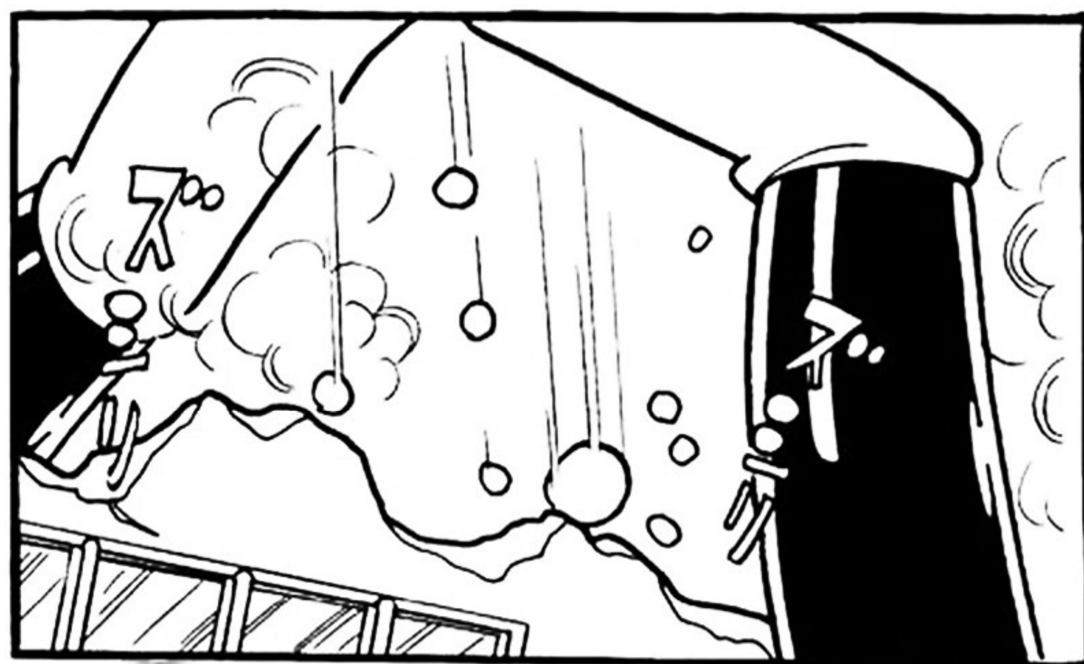

I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO... I HAVE NO CHOICE
HE'S GROWING!
OH MY GOD! IT'S A MONSTER!

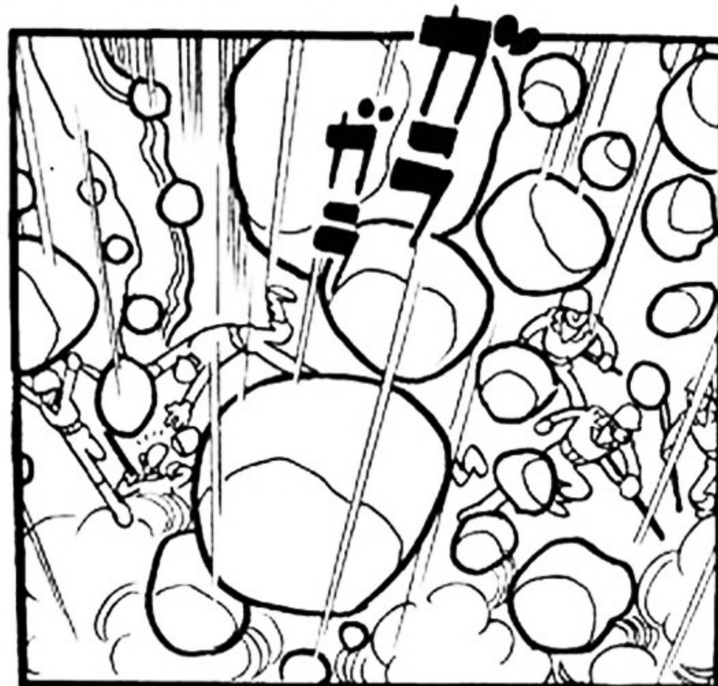



WOW!


COMMANDER. PLEASE TELL YOUR SUPERIORS THAT FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY I'M DISPOSING OF THE CAPE BARBERA BASE

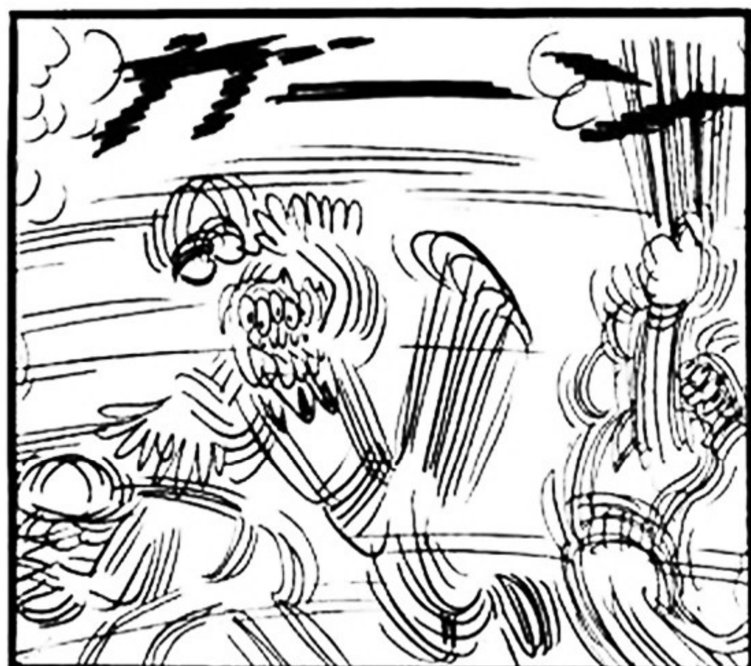
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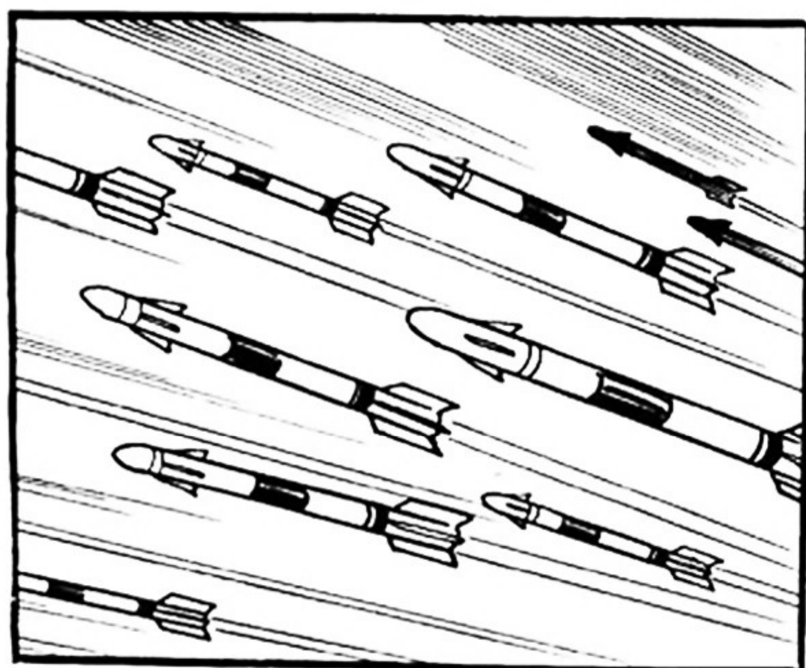



IT'S A WASTE OF TIME AND AMMUNITION

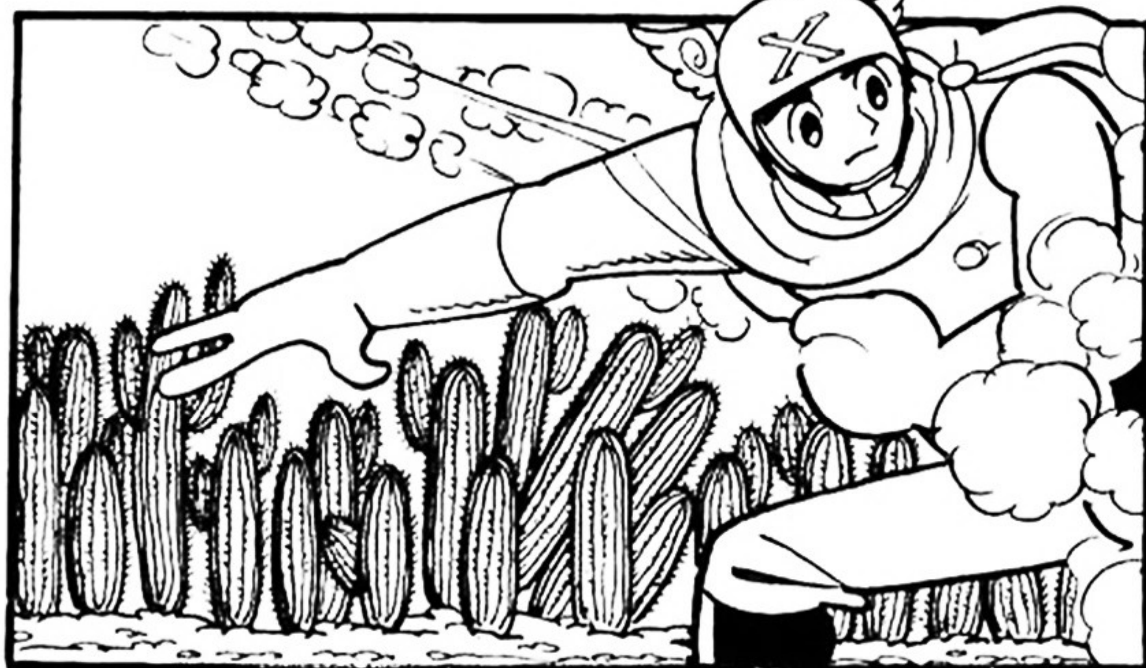

SHOOT! SOMEBODY SHOOT HIM!!



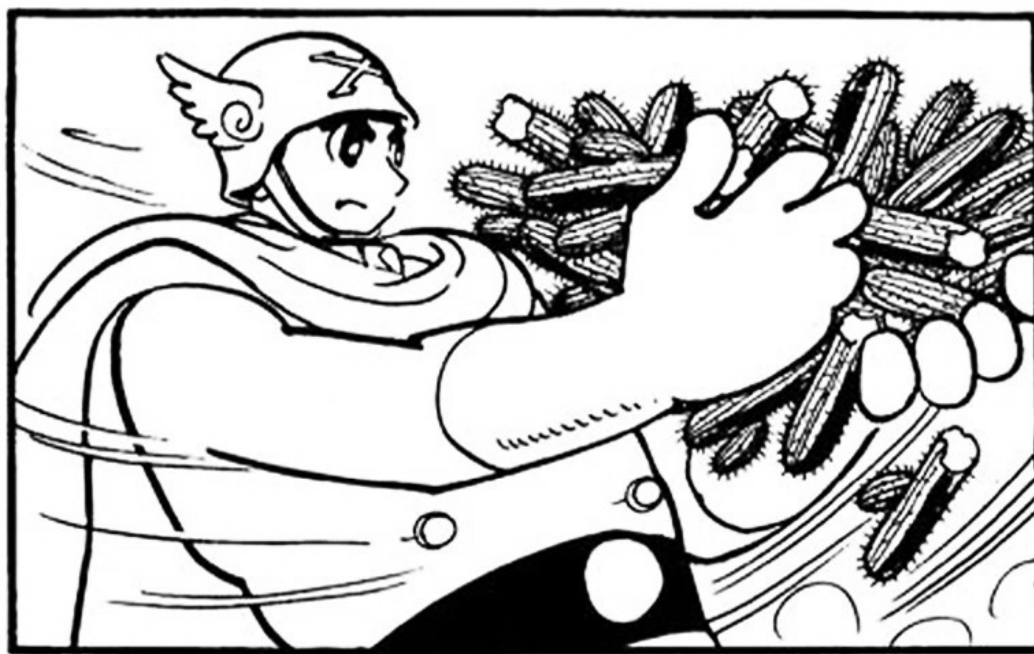


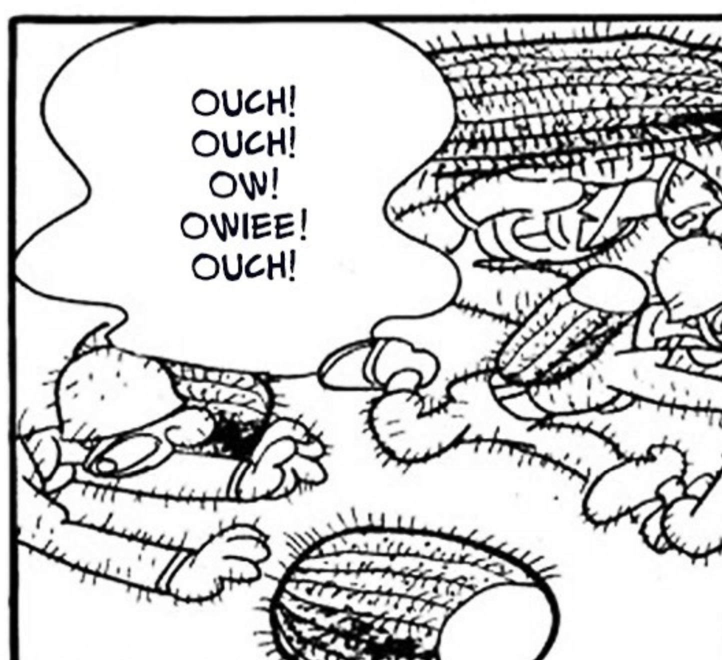




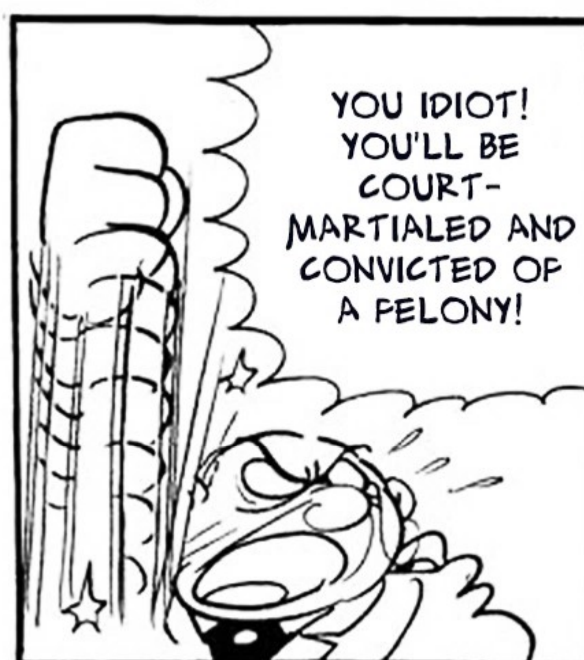




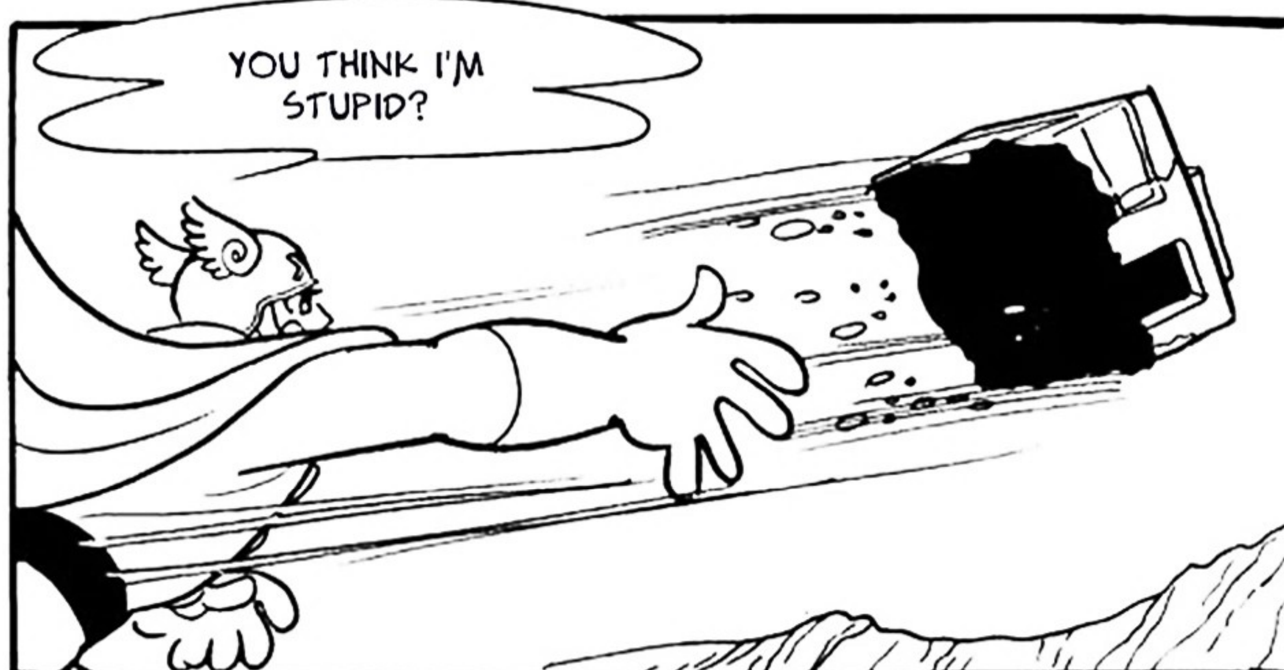
WHAT IS THIS? WHY DIDN'T YOU KILL BIG X BEFORE HE GREW AND ATTACKED?

OUCH! OUCH! OW! OWIEE! OUCH!

HELP! AMBULANCE....

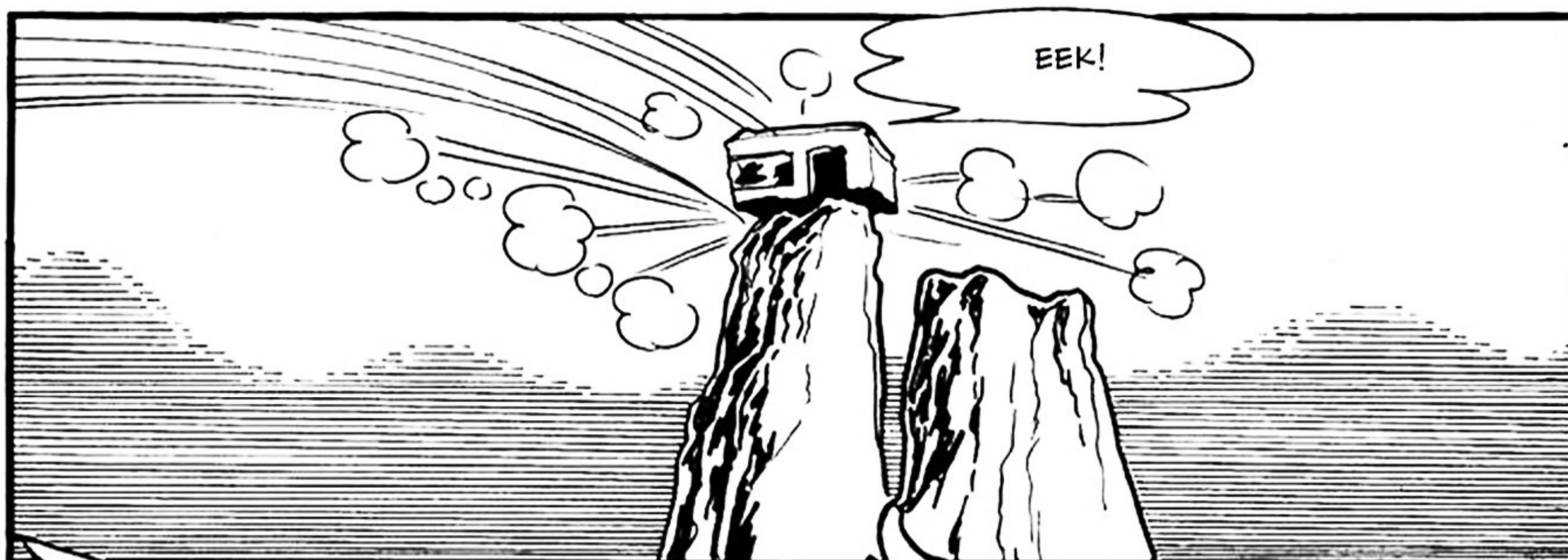

YOU IDIOT! YOU'LL BE COURT-MARTIALED AND CONVICTED OF A FELONY!

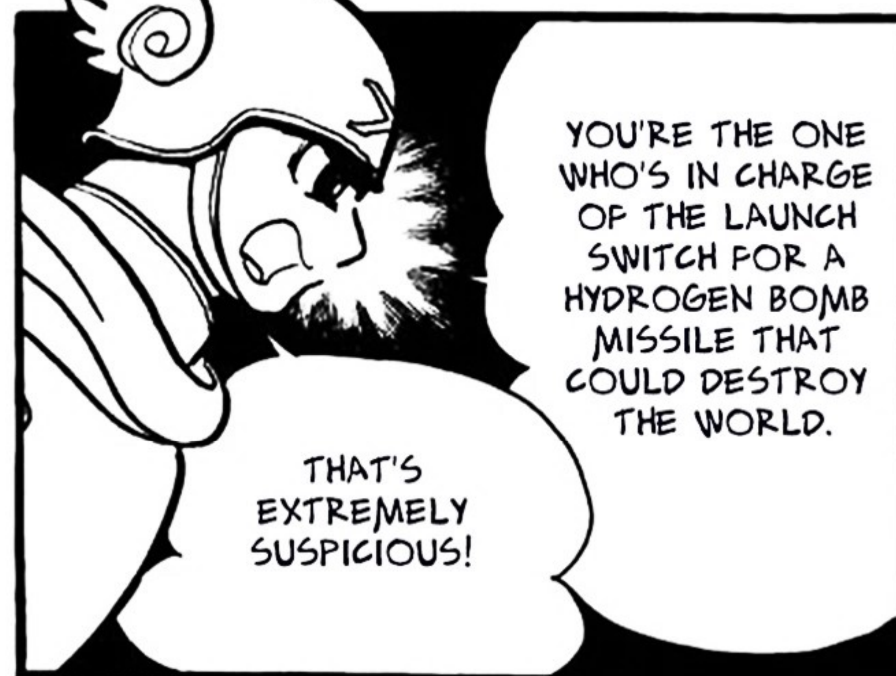
WAS IT YOU WHO PUT THE TAPE OF THE PRESIDENT'S ORDERS ON THE PHONE?
I WASN'T ME! I DON'T KNOW WHO DID IT!

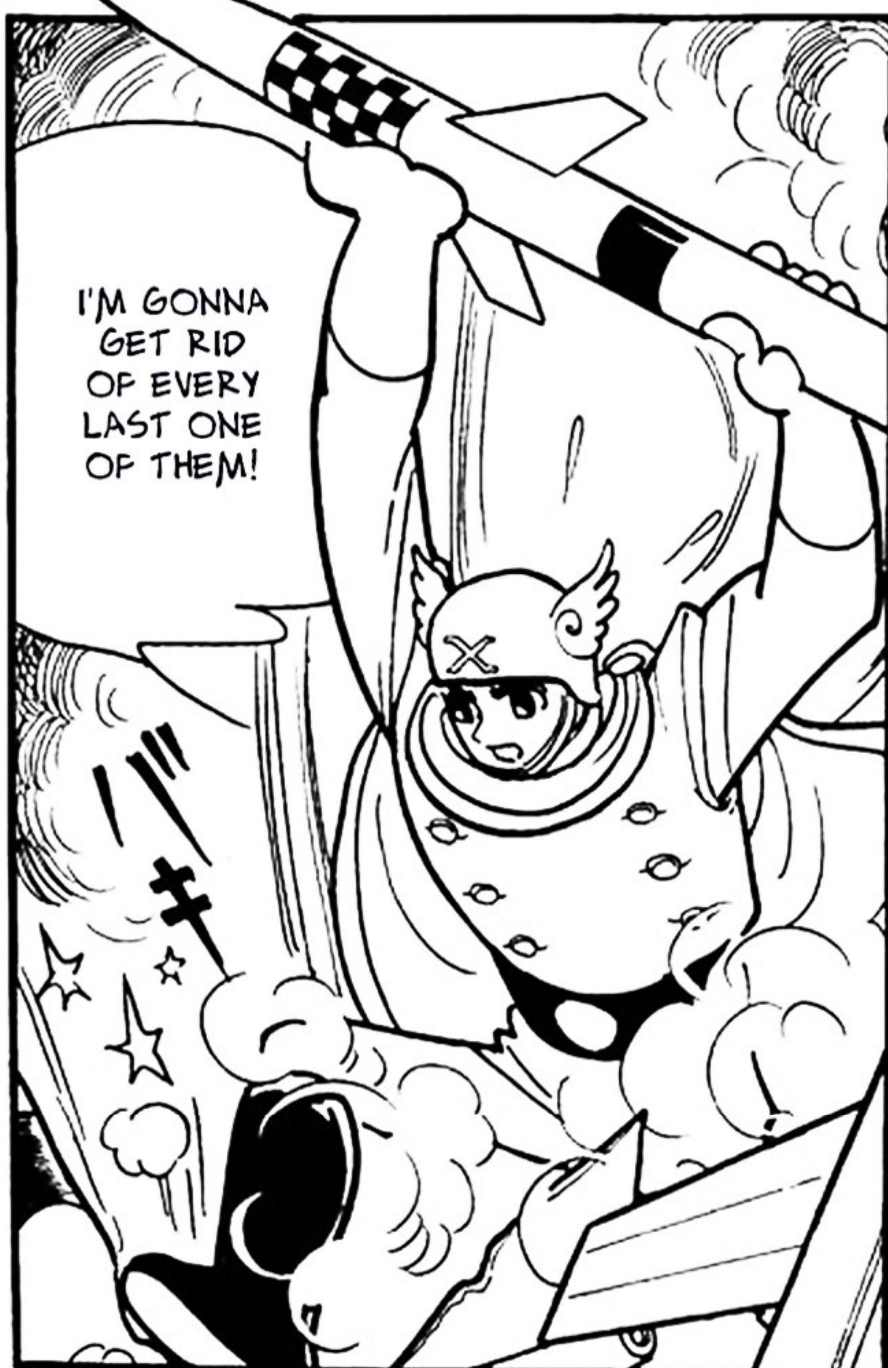
COMMANDER! THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU


YOU THINK I'M STUPID?

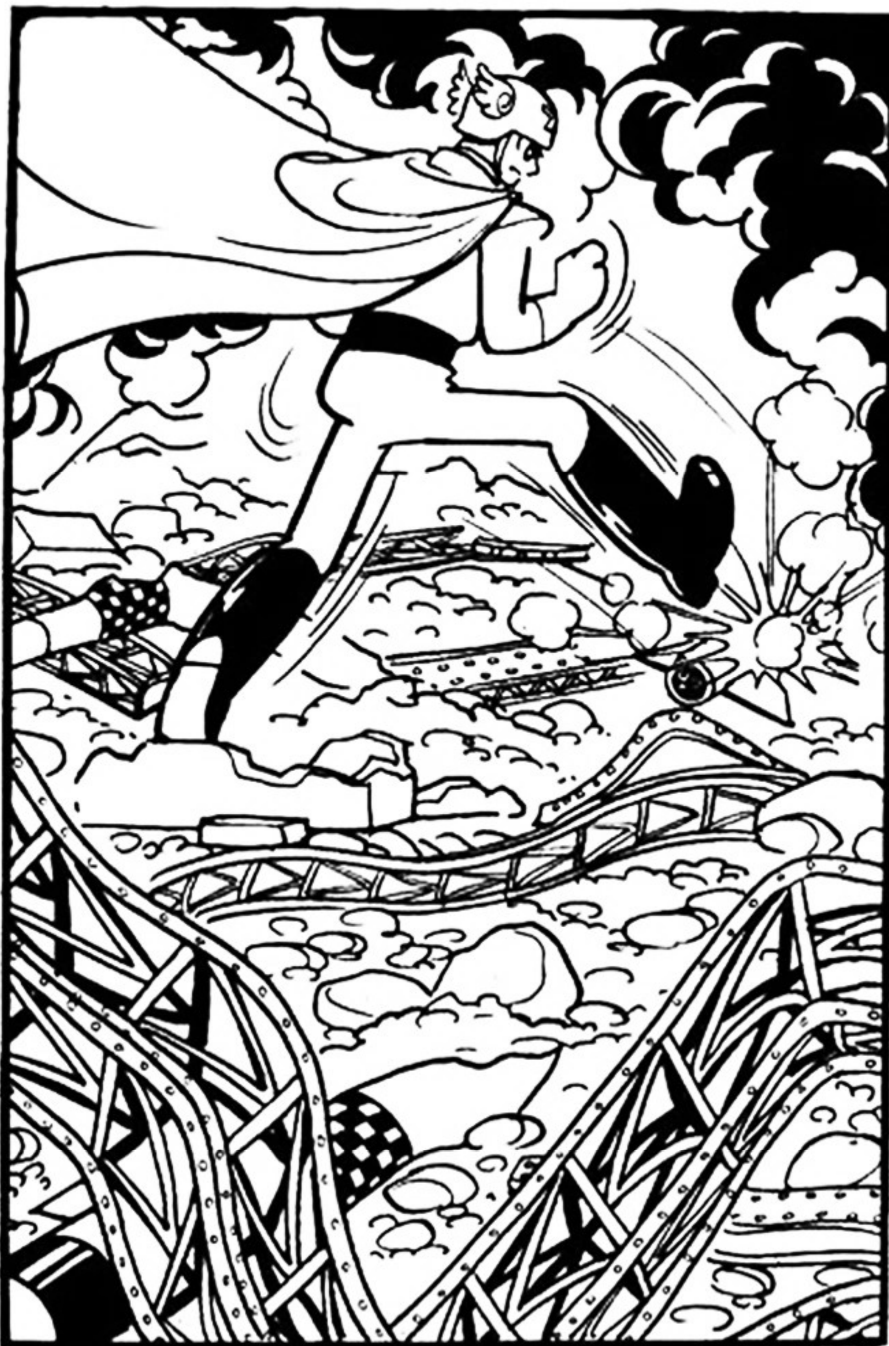

SOMEONE MUST HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE

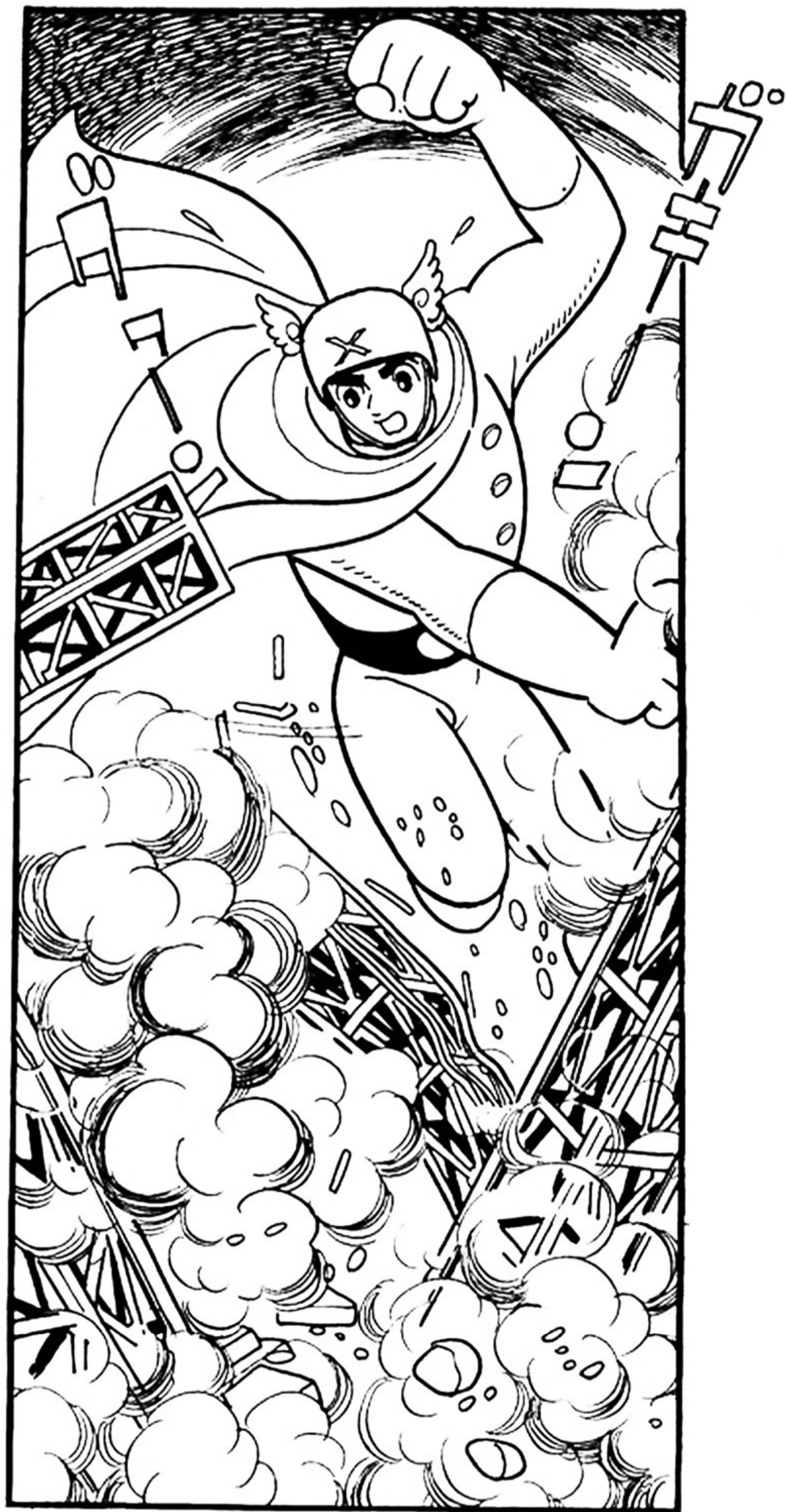

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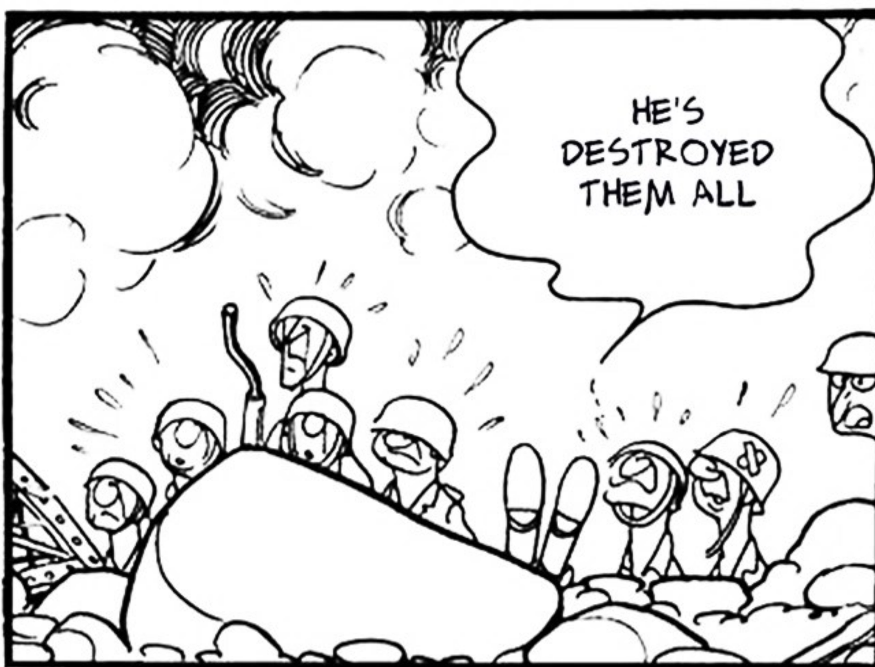

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S IN CHARGE OF THE LAUNCH SWITCH FOR A HYDROGEN BOMB MISSILE THAT COULD DESTROY THE WORLD.
THAT'S EXTREMELY SUSPICIOUS!

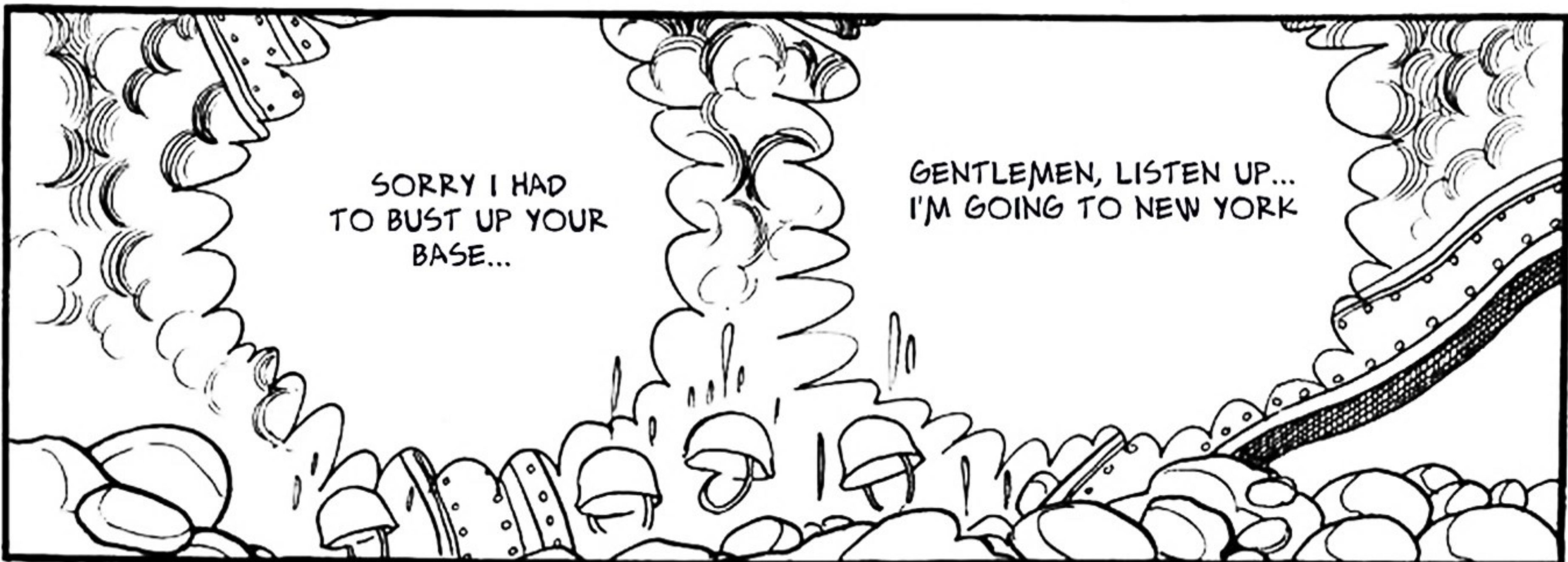

I'M GONNA GET RID OF EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM!


THERE'S THE MISSILES



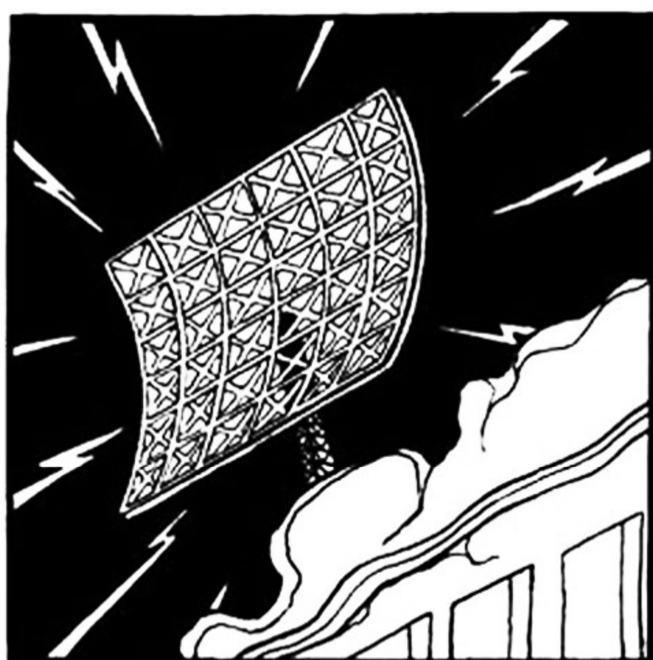



HE'S DESTROYED THEM ALL

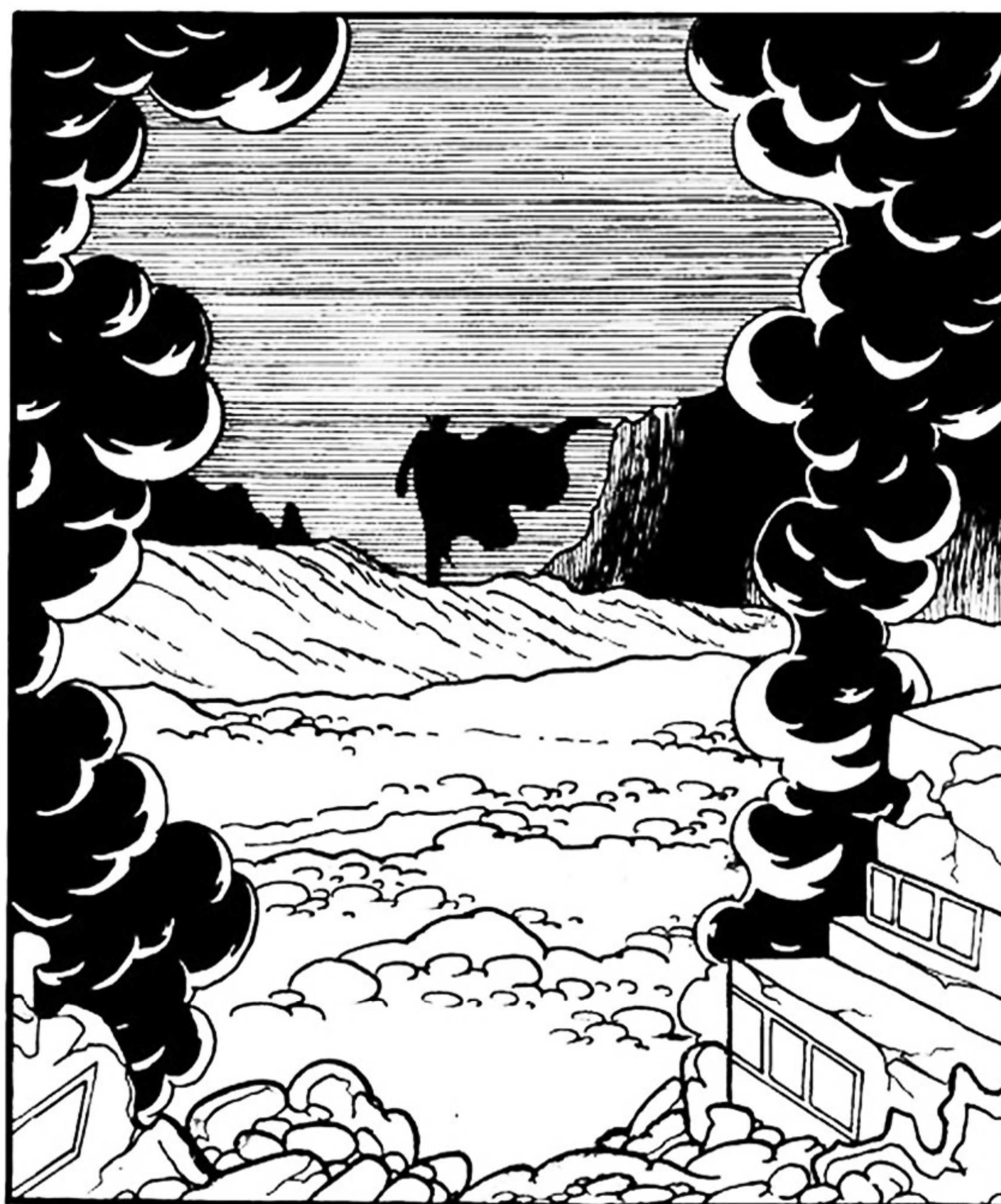

GENTLEMEN, LISTEN UP... I'M GOING TO NEW YORK
SORRY I HAD TO BUST UP YOUR BASE...


WELL THEN ...

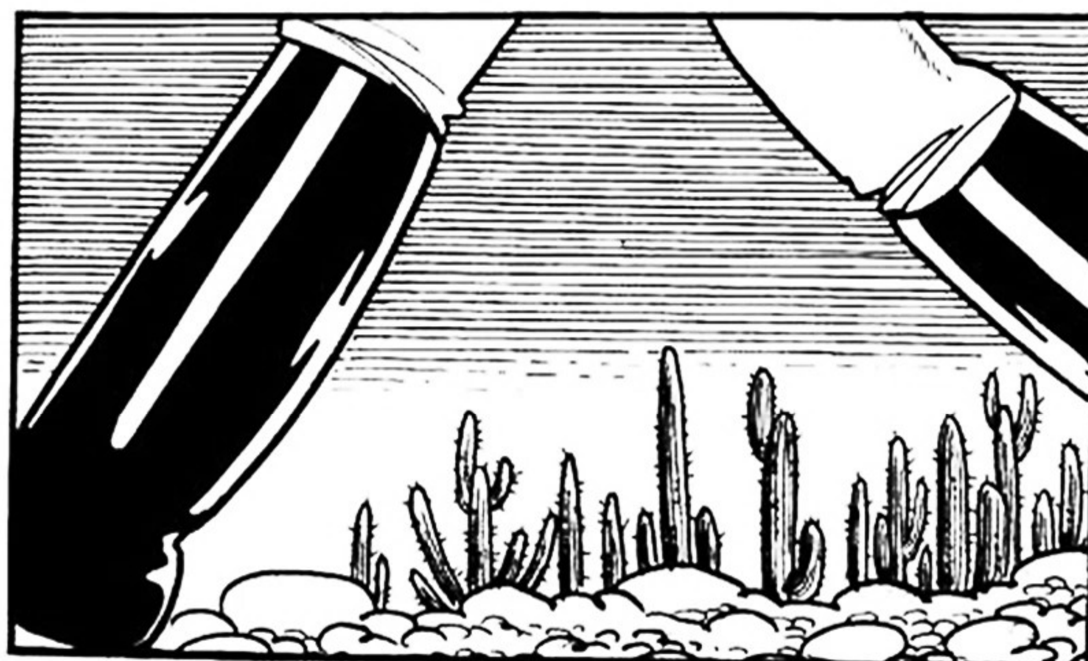

I WANTED TO TALK IT OUT WITH YOU. BUT YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN TO ME
I WAS FORCED TO DESTROY IT BECAUSE YOU TRIED TO SHOOT ME. AND WE ALMOST HAD A GLOBAL CALAMITY.
EVENTUALLY YOU'LL UNDERSTAND

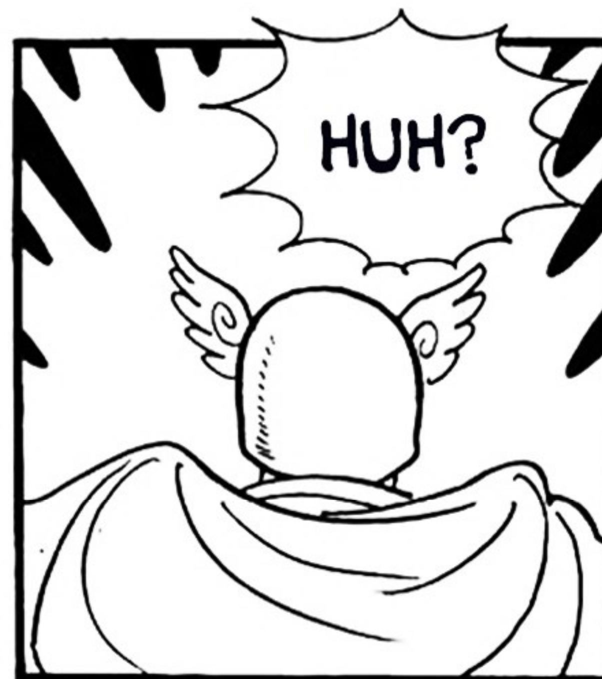


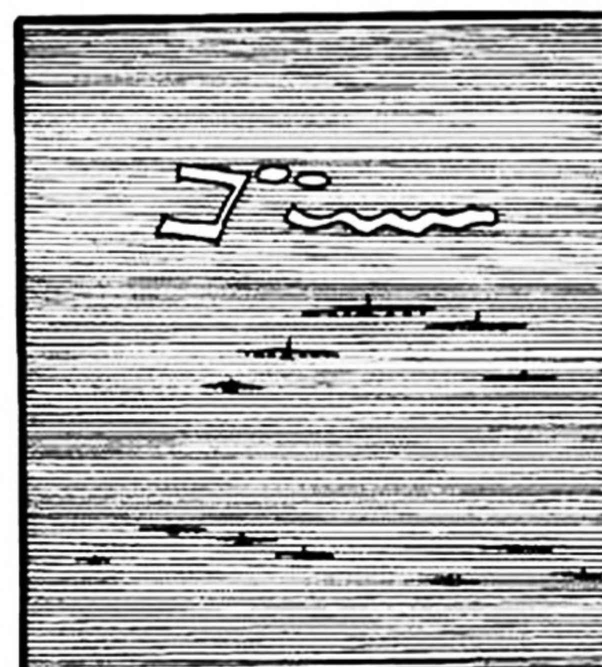

... GIANT MONSTER...
CAPE BARBERA BASE...
NEED ASSIST FROM
AIR FORCE...

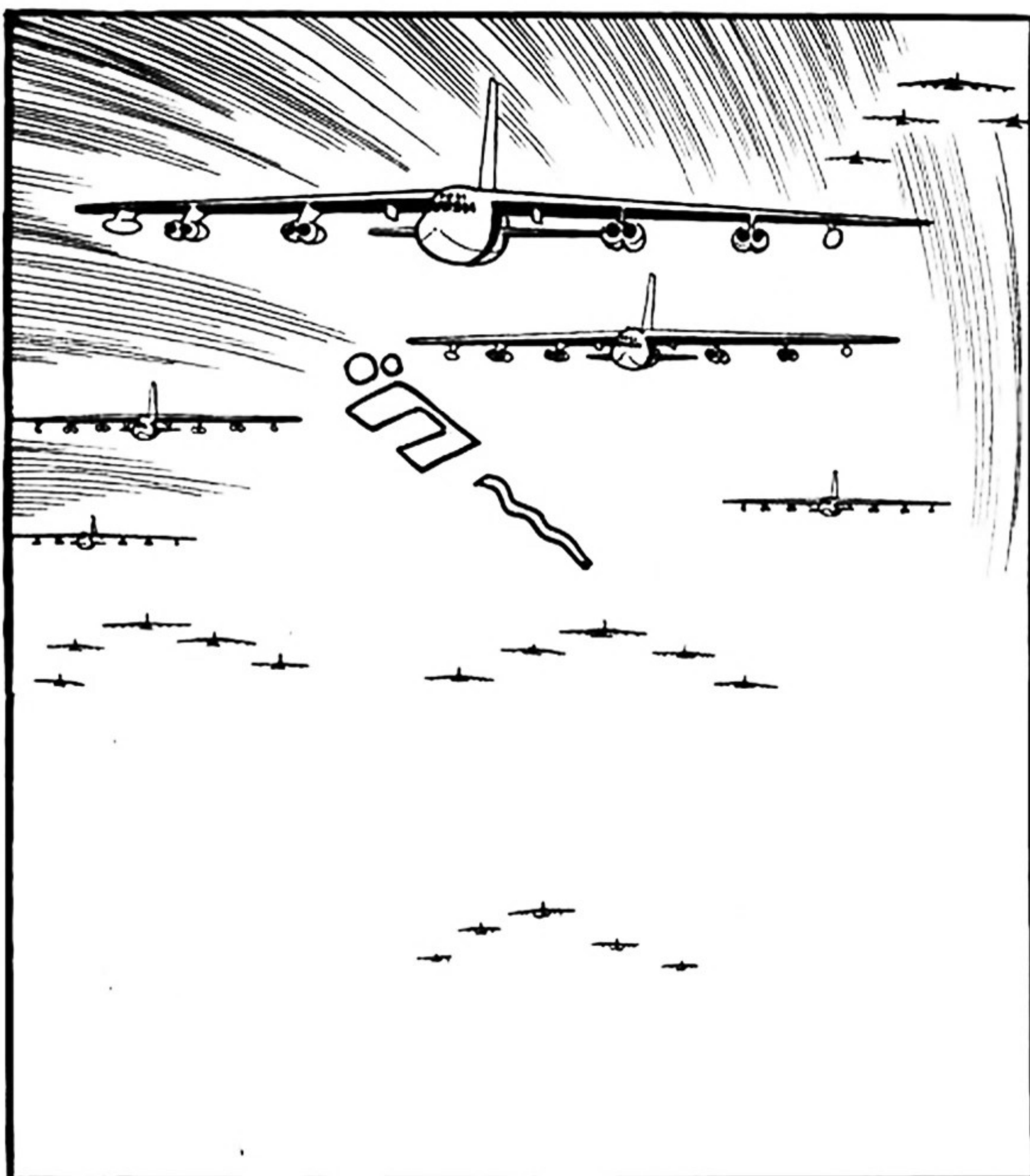




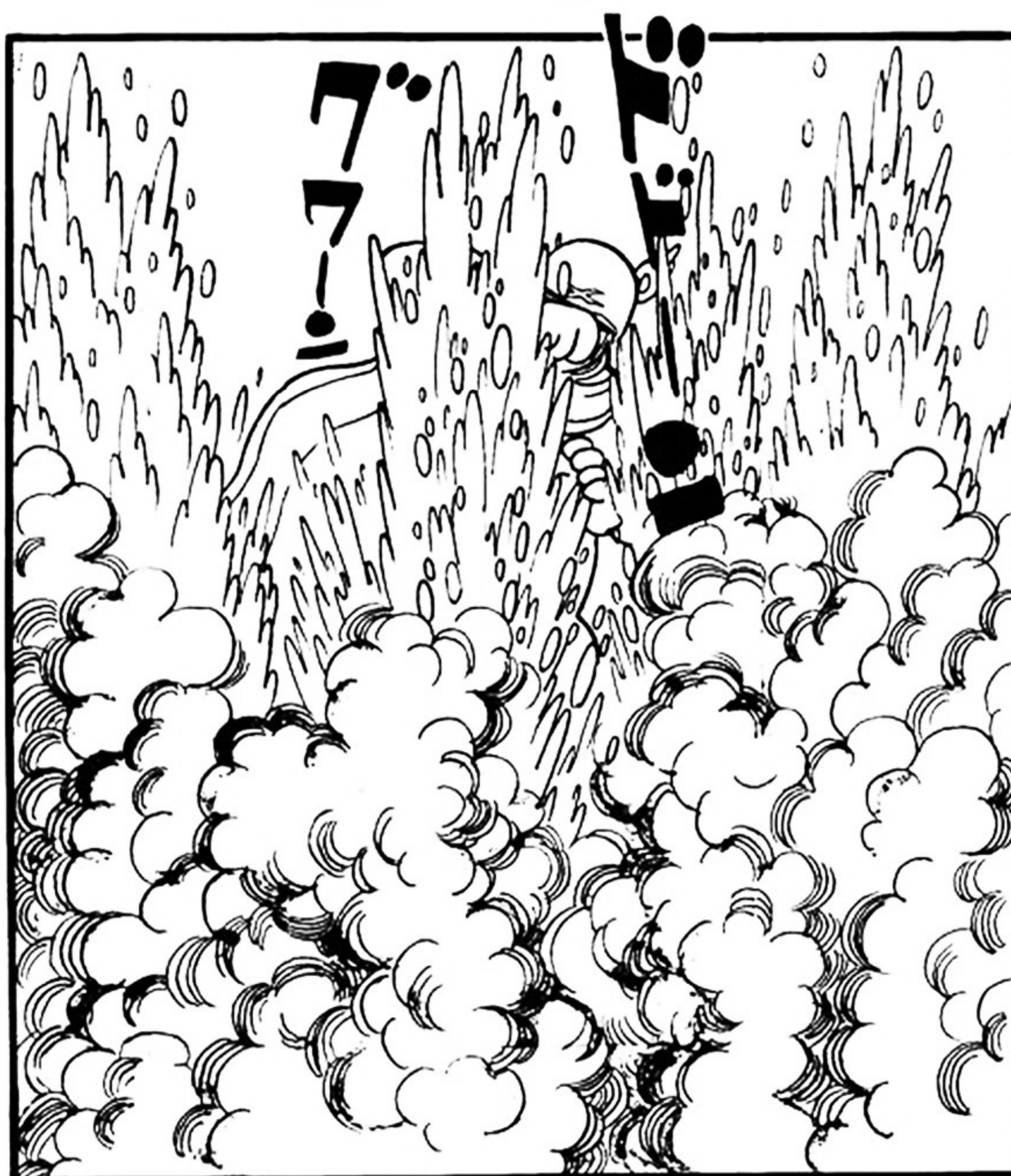



HUH?







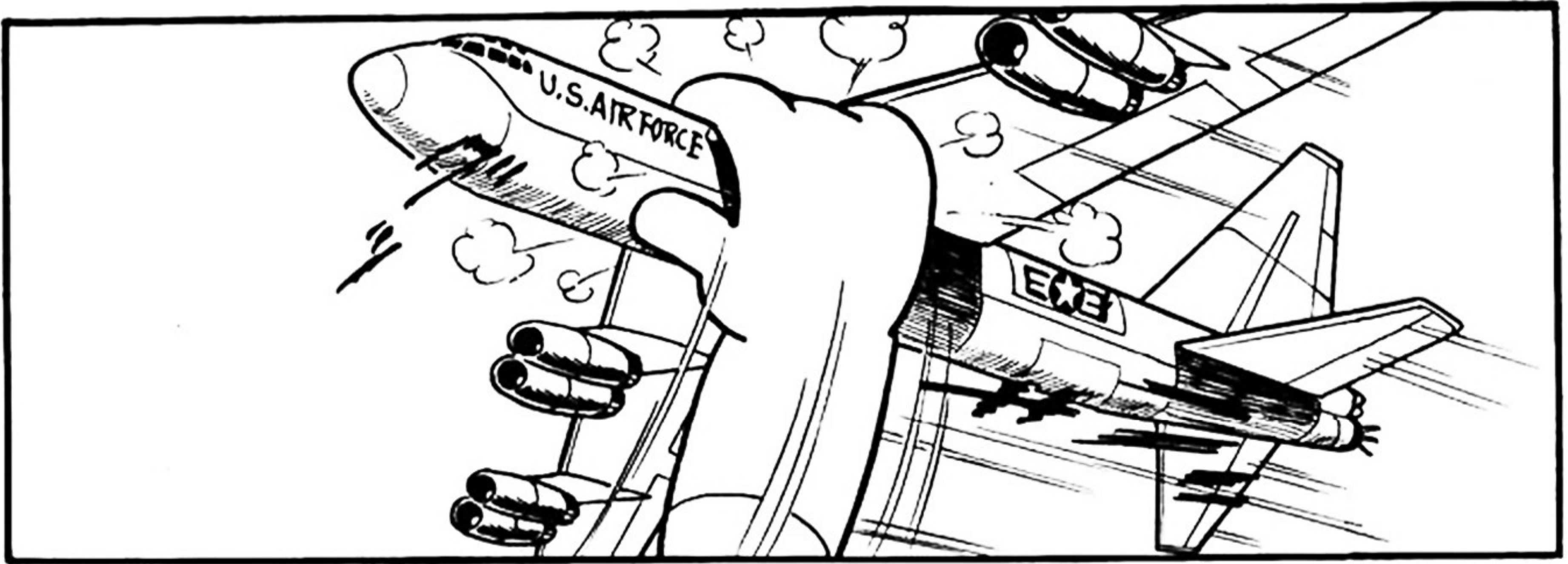



I CAN'T STICK AROUND HERE. I'LL BE LATE GETTING TO NEW YORK


THE AIR FORCE... THAT'S ANNOYING


WELL MAYBE THIS WILL BE USEFUL

EEYAAAH!

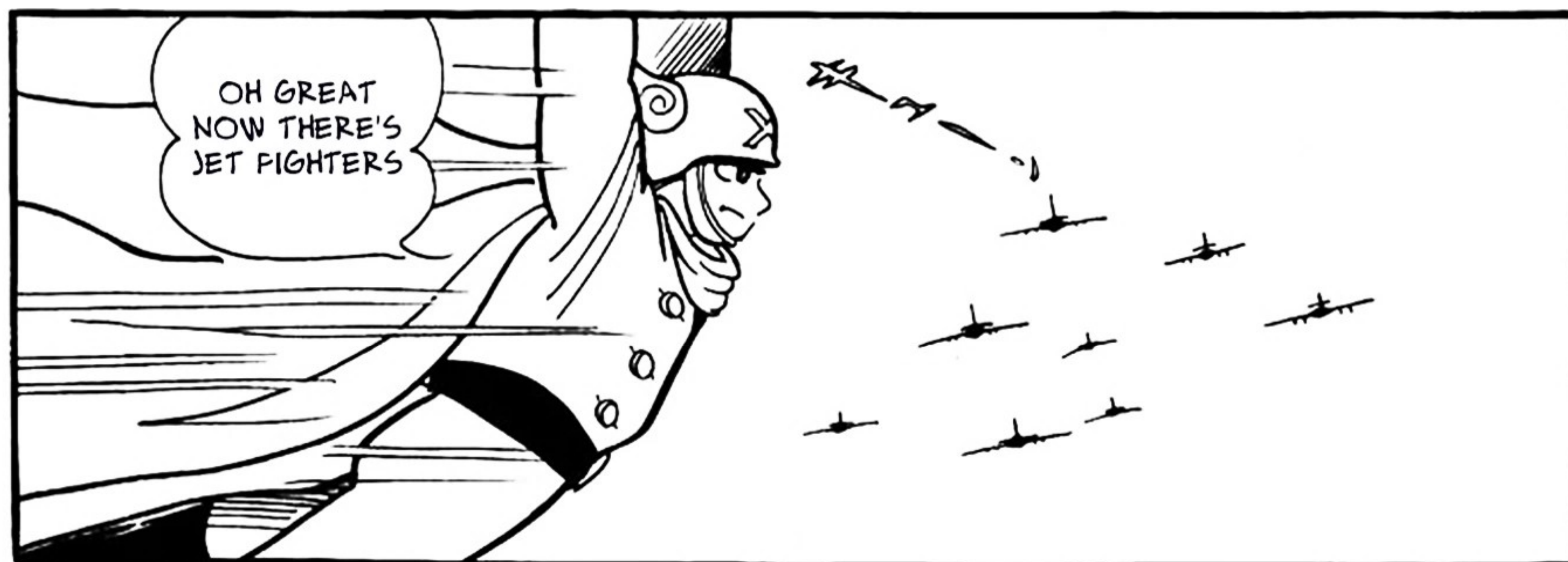


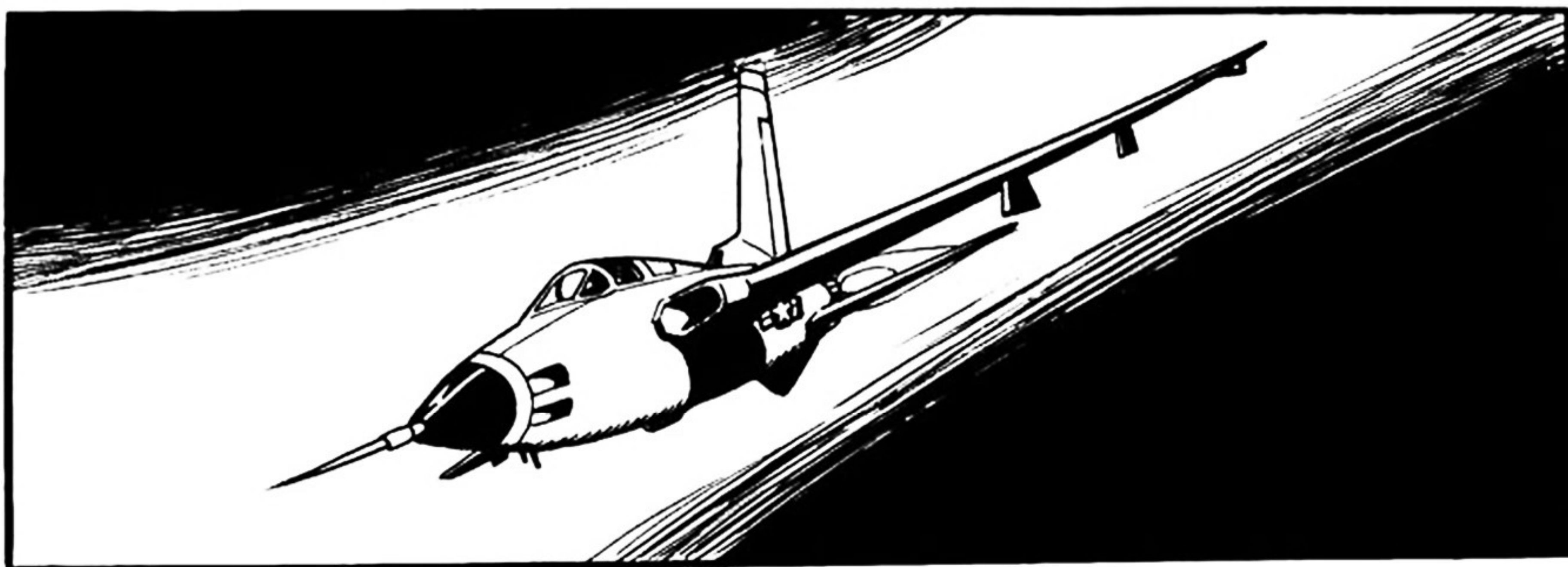
FLY LIKE I TELL YOU! IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW MY ORDERS I'LL TEAR YOUR ENGINES OFF

U.S.AIR FORCE

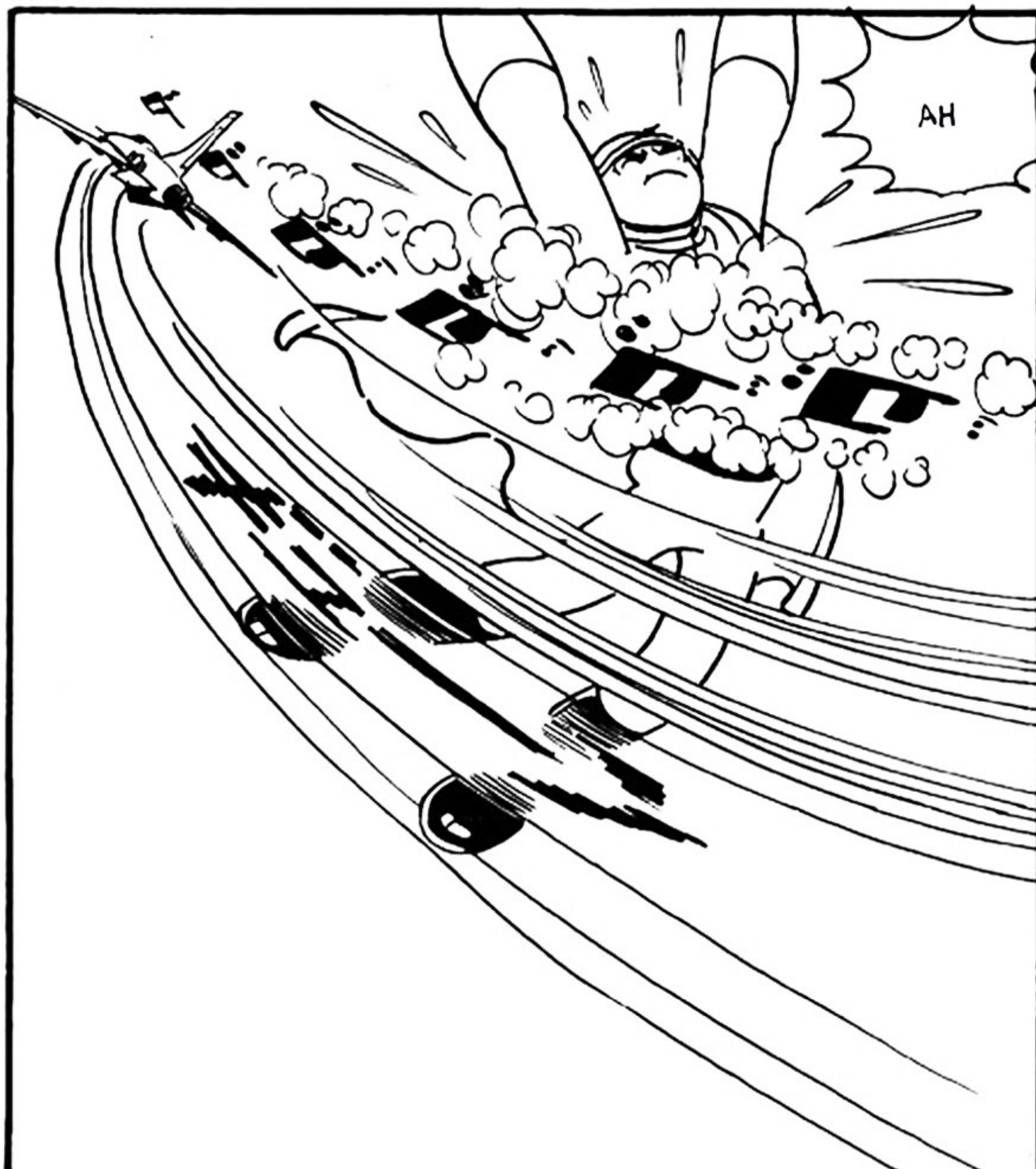
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LET'S GO TO NEW YORK



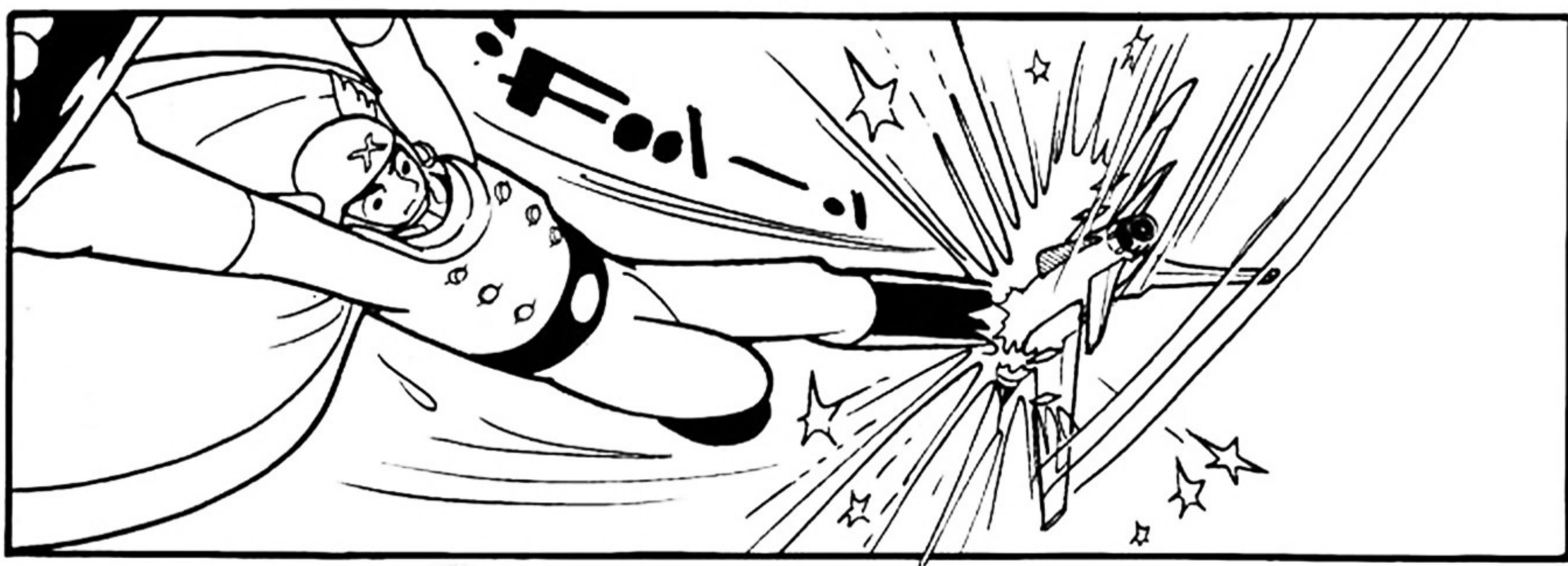


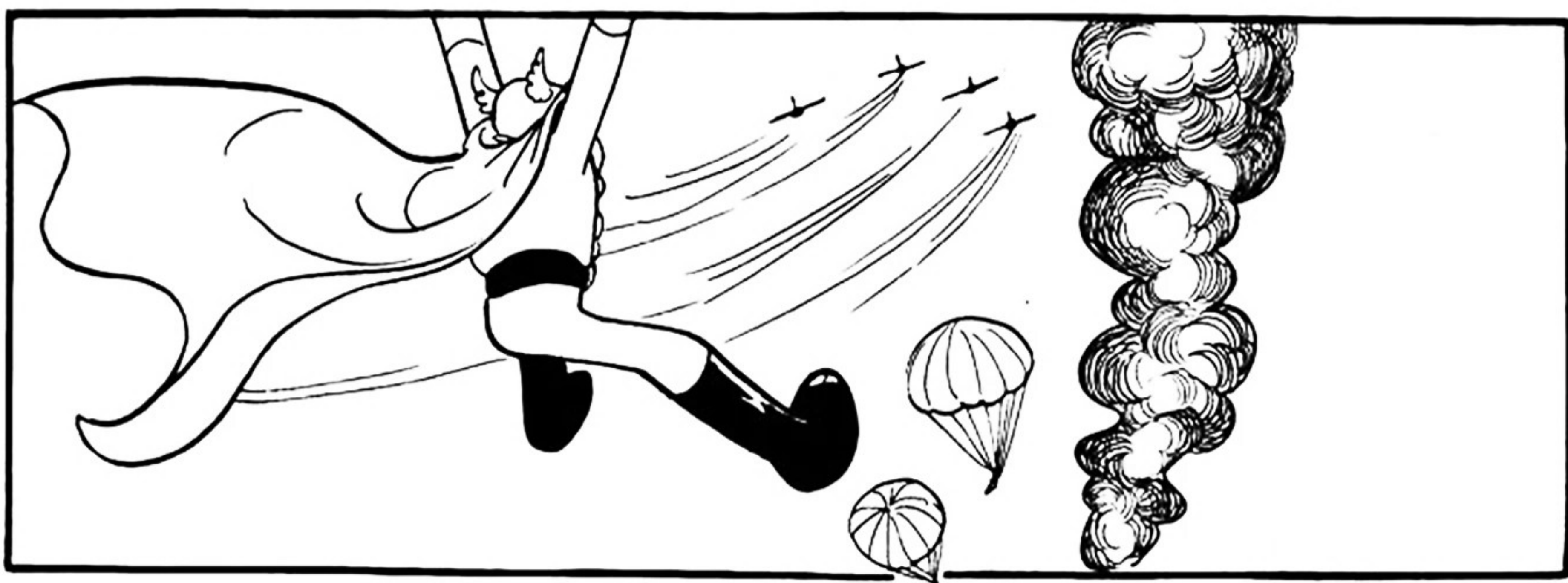
COME ON, GET OVER IT! NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU SHOOT ME IT'S NOT WORTH IT


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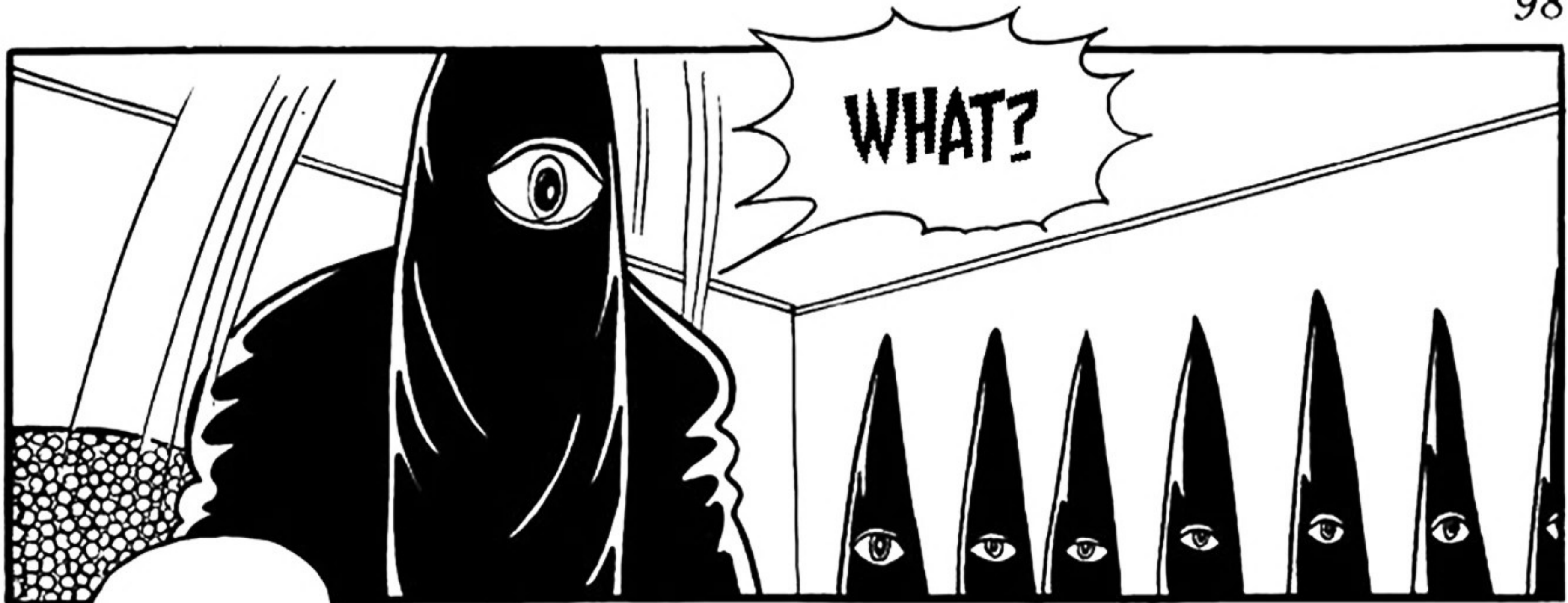

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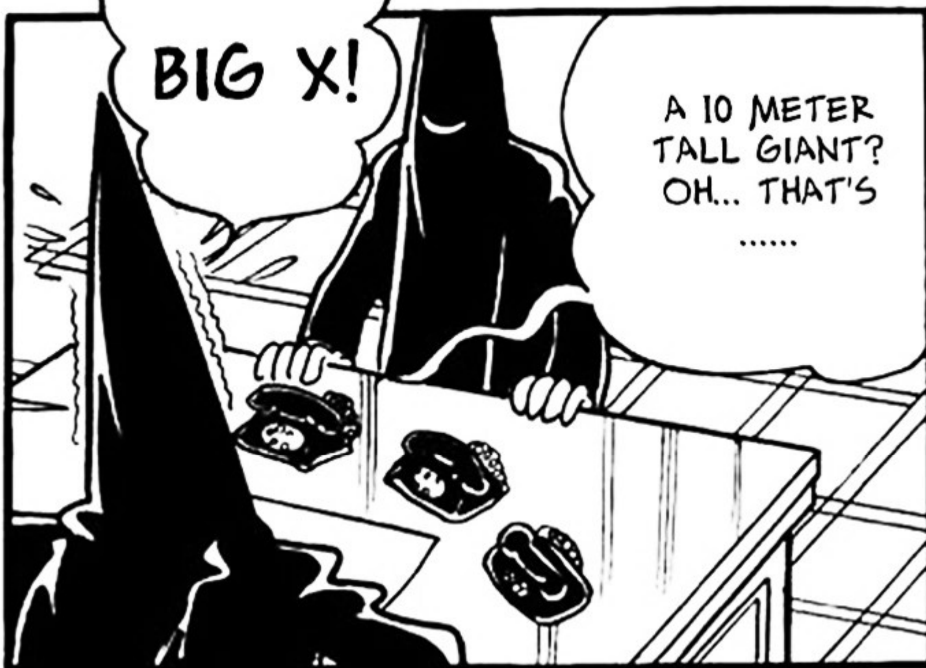




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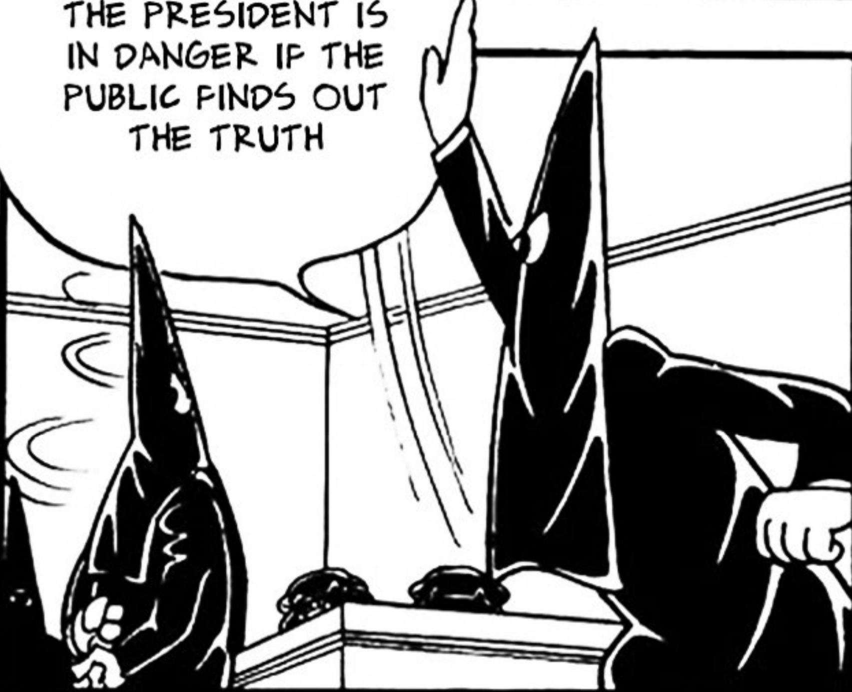
THE END OF THE CROSS PARTY


WHAT?

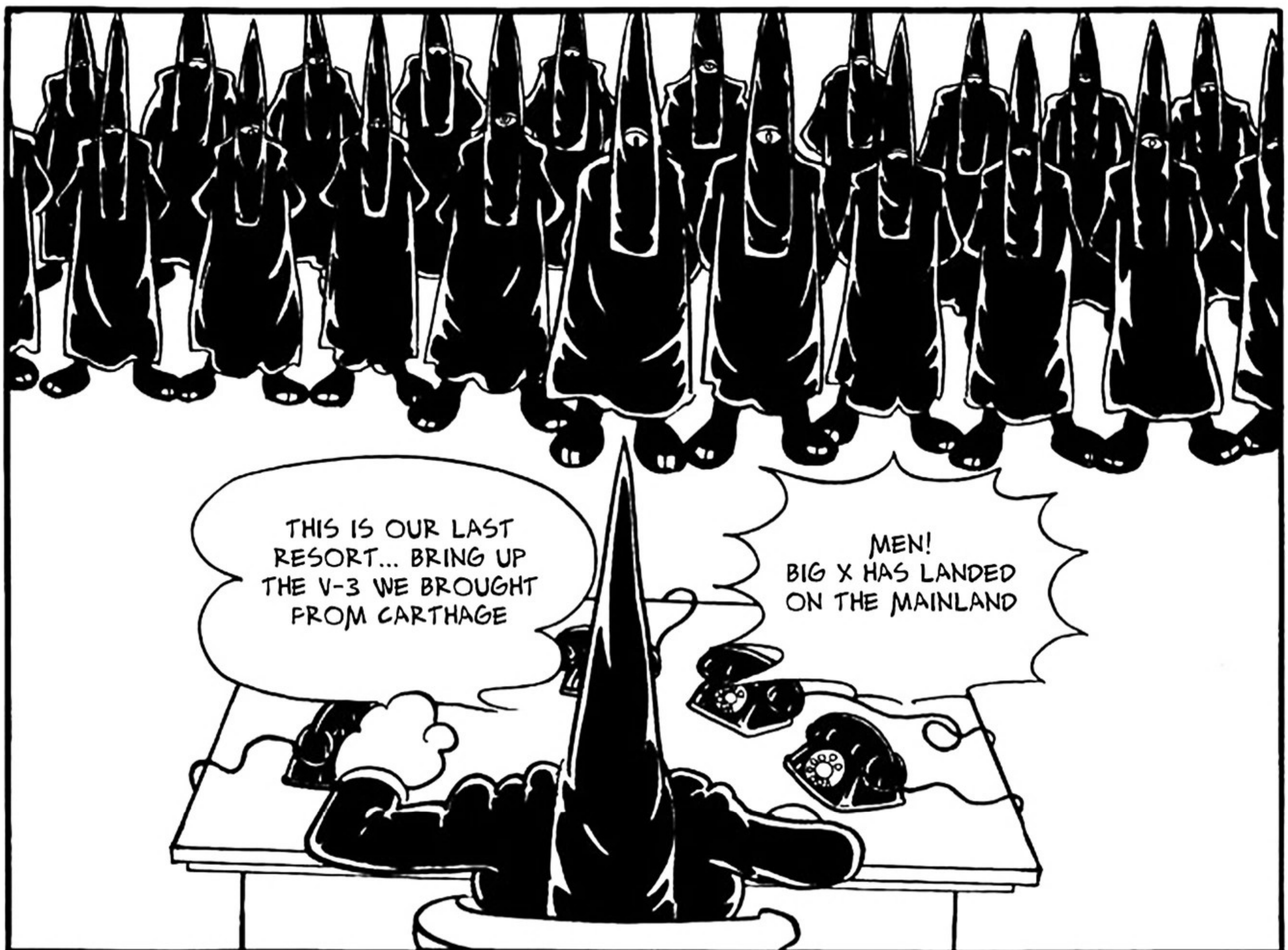

BIG X!
A 10 METER TALL GIANT? OH... THAT'S ......


WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?
THE MISSILE BASE AT CAMP BARBERA WAS WIPED OUT?


GRRRRRR!


THE PRESIDENT IS IN DANGER IF THE PUBLIC FINDS OUT THE TRUTH


HE'LL BE IN NEW YORK IN 30 MINUTES
CHIEF! BIG X IS FLYING TOWARDS US HOLDING ONTO JET PLANES!



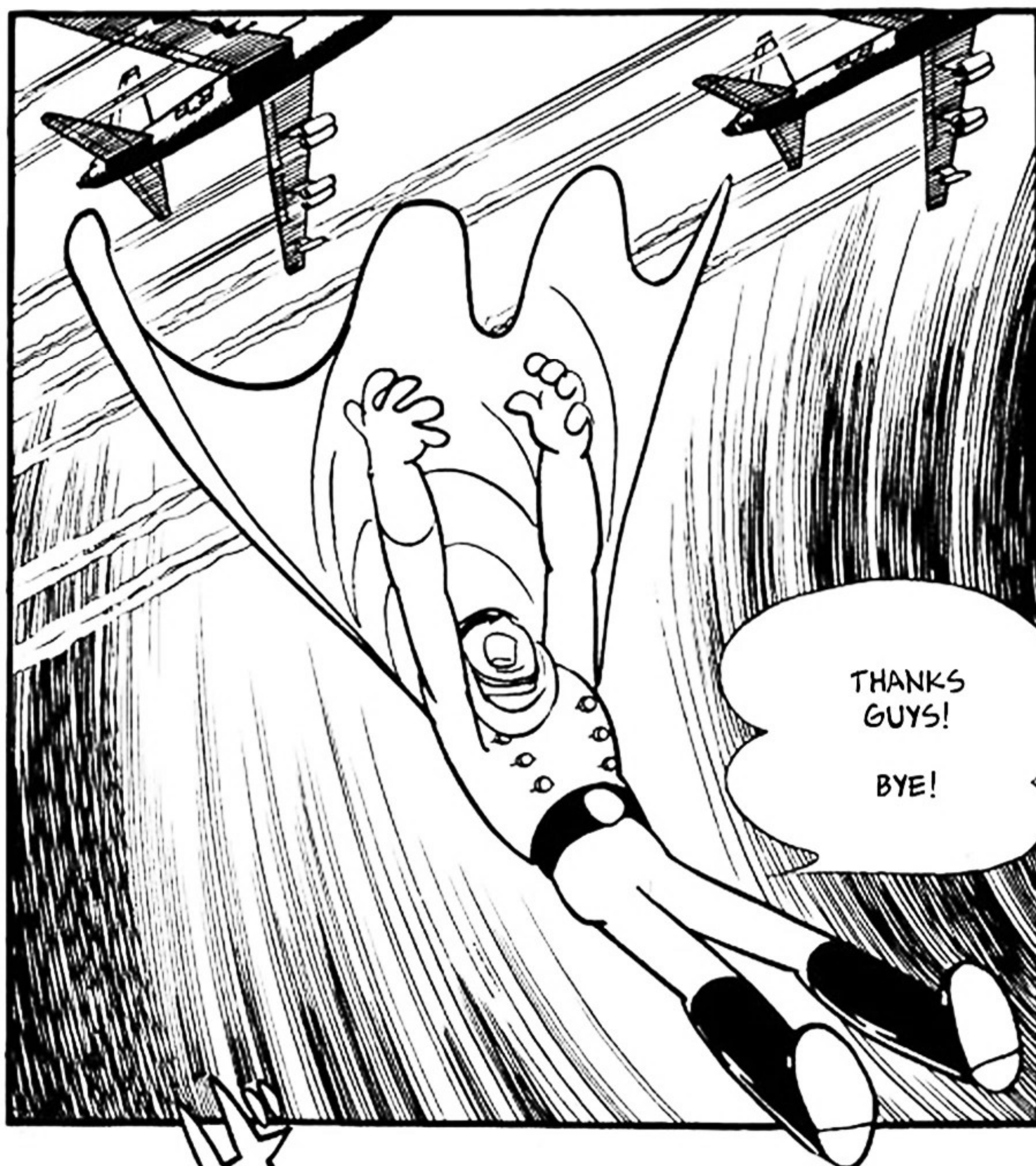
THE LIGHTS OF NEW YORK! ALMOST THERE!





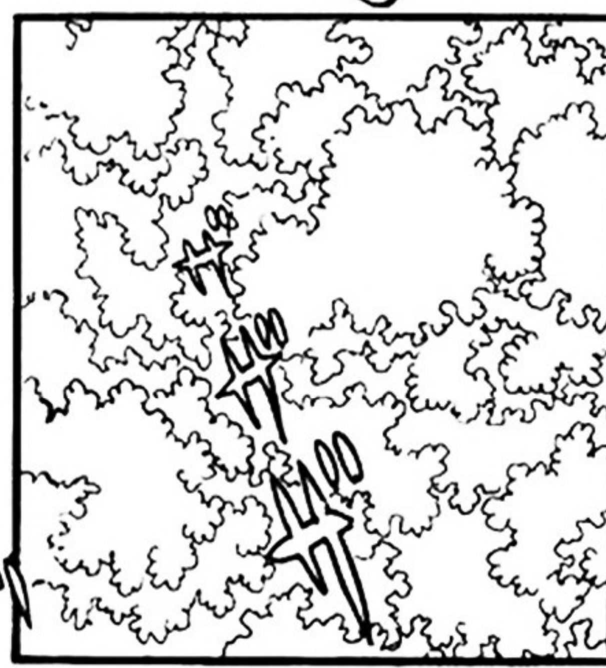

OH WELL, I'LL JUST HAVE TO JUMP OFF HERE


I CAN'T LET GO OF THE PLANES, SO I CAN'T GRAB THE PEN


THANKS GUYS!
BYE!



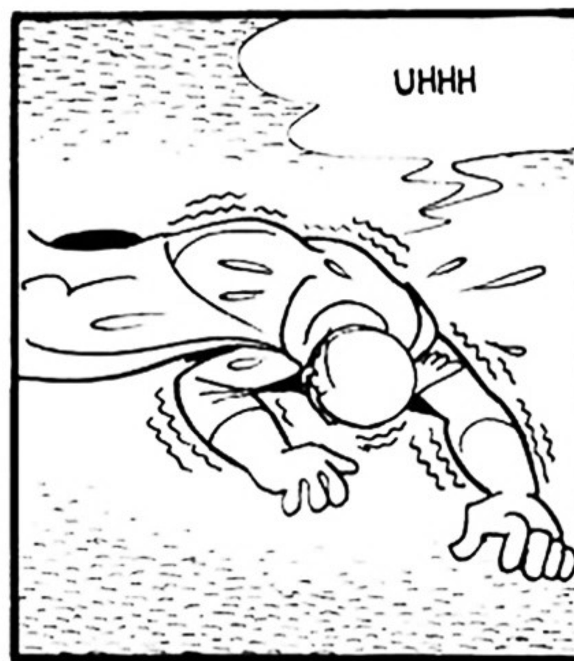


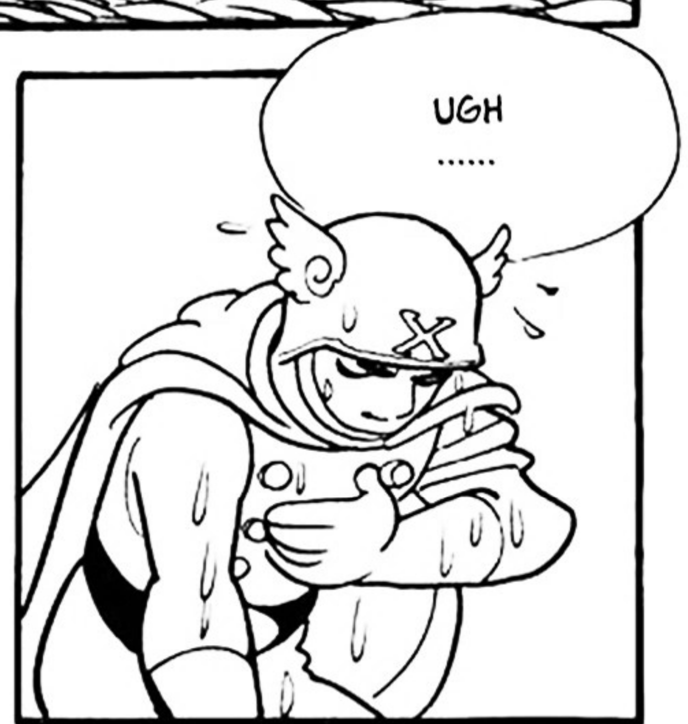


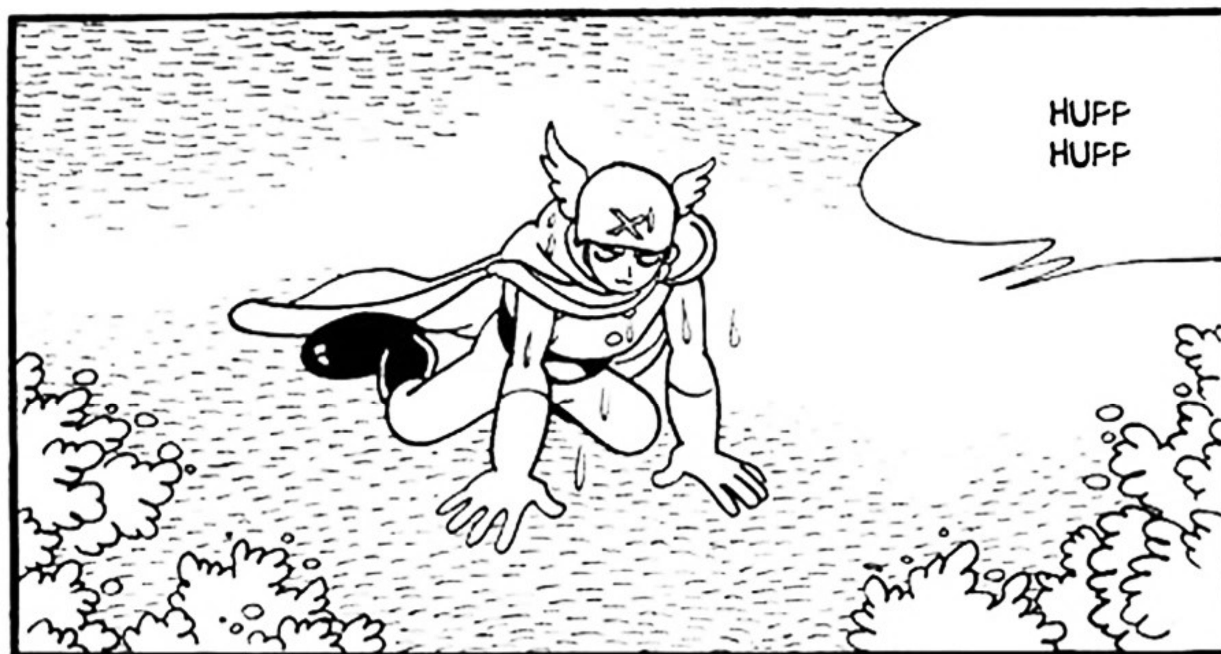
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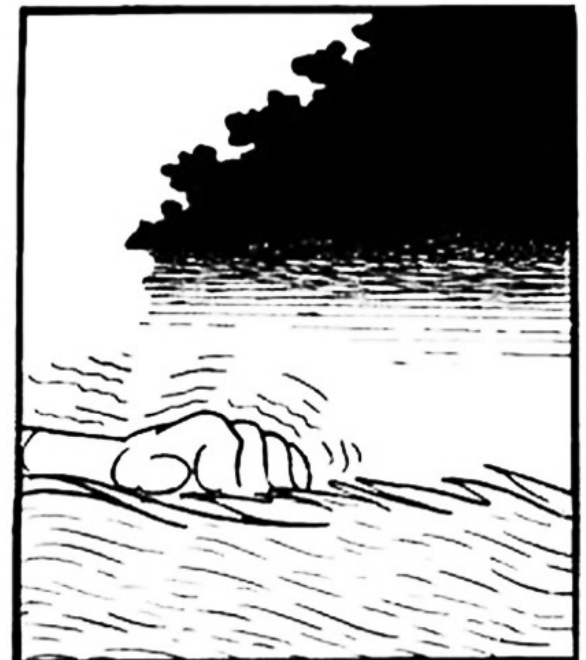
THEY WON'T TRY TO BOMB ME HERE, SINCE WE'RE SO CLOSE TO NEW YORK CITY

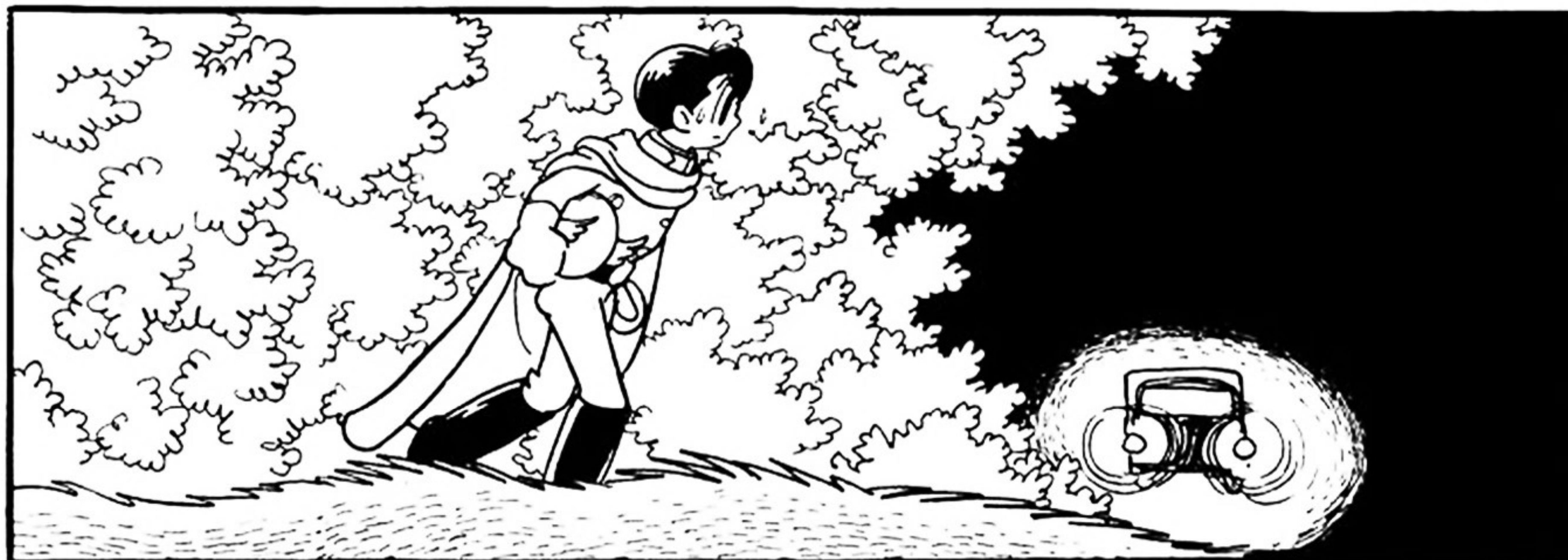


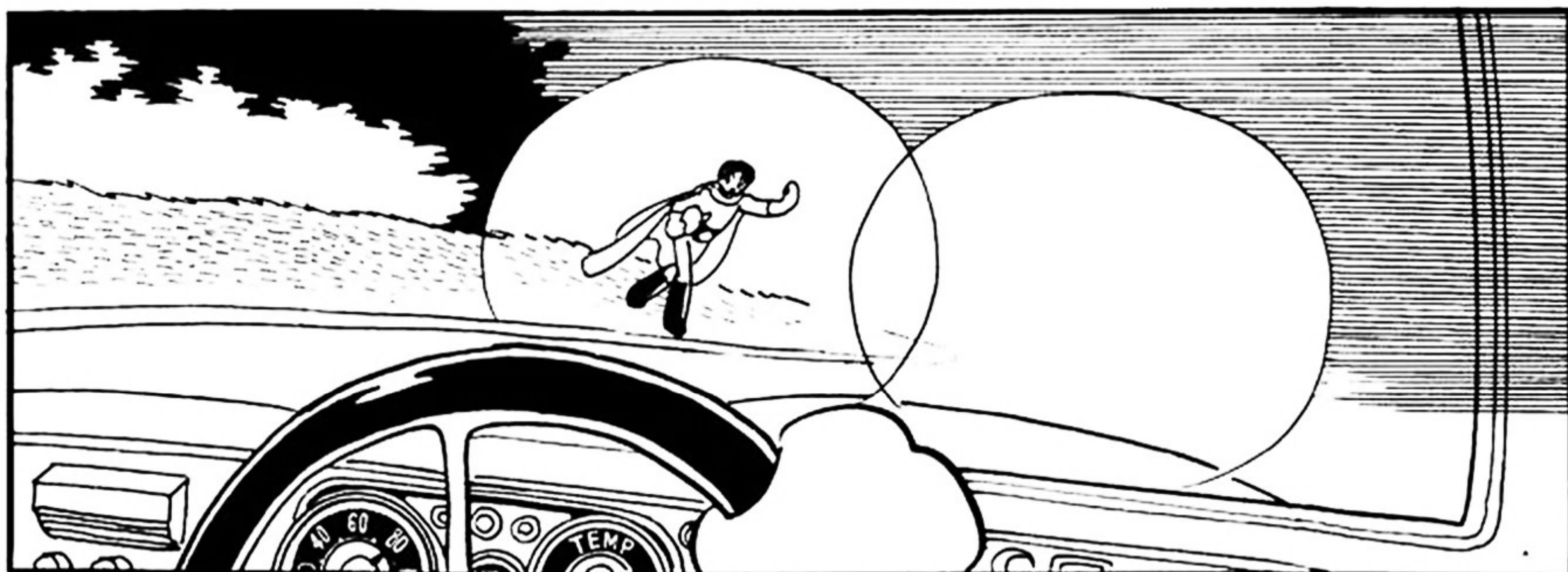


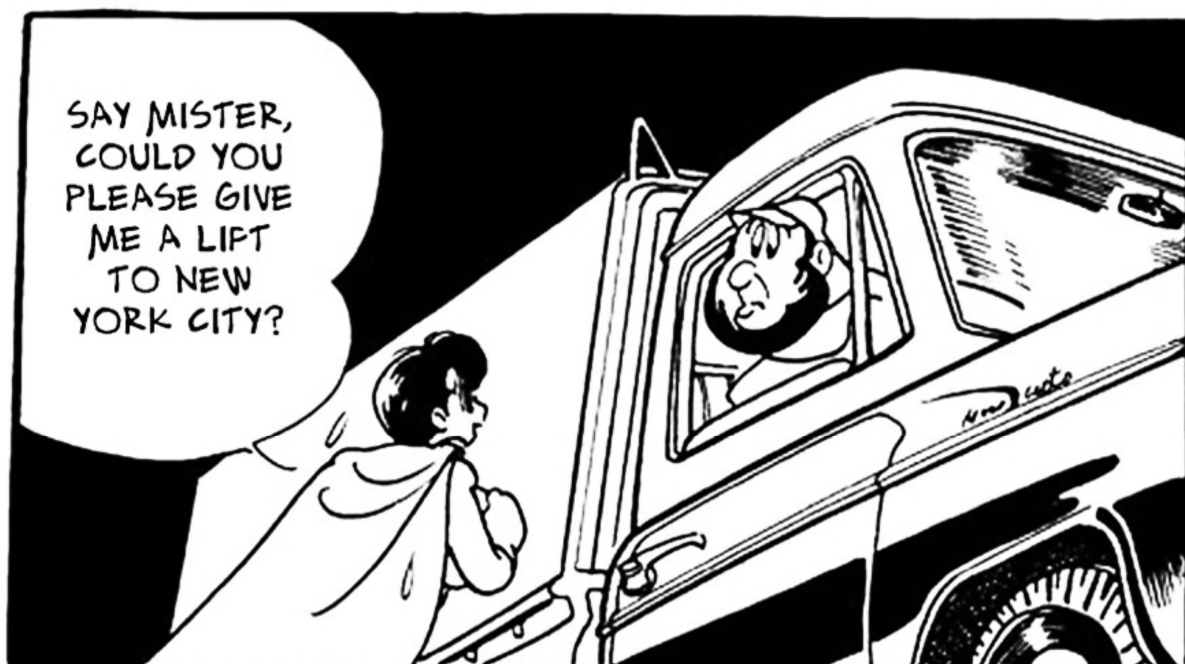


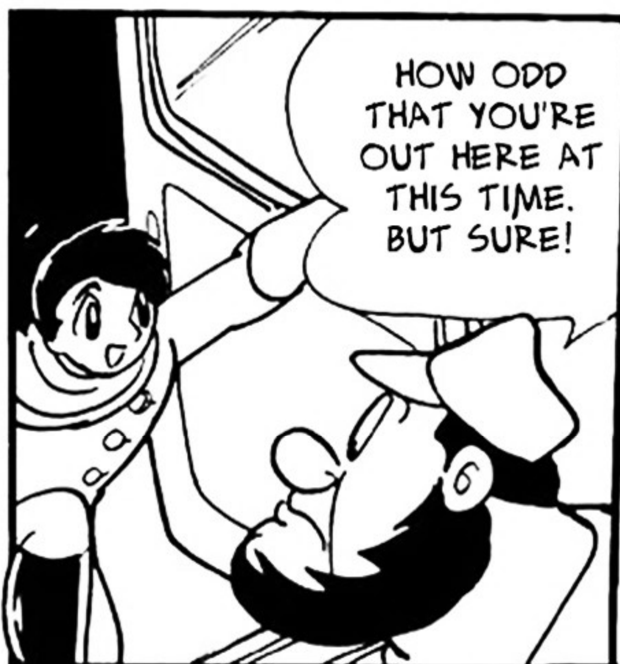


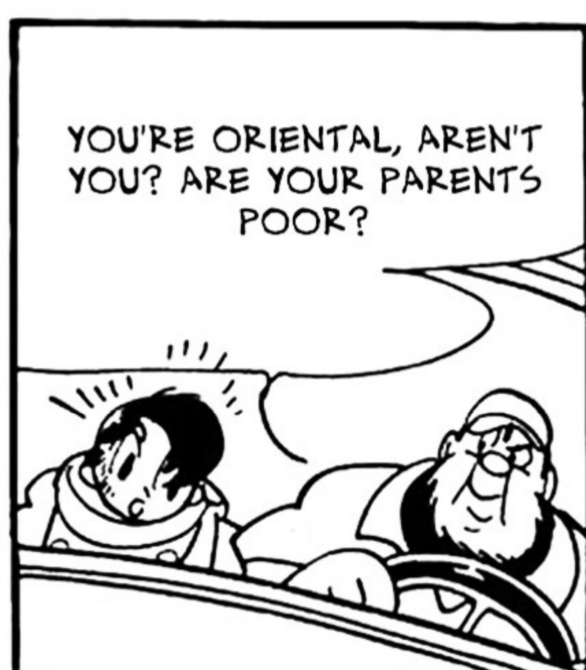




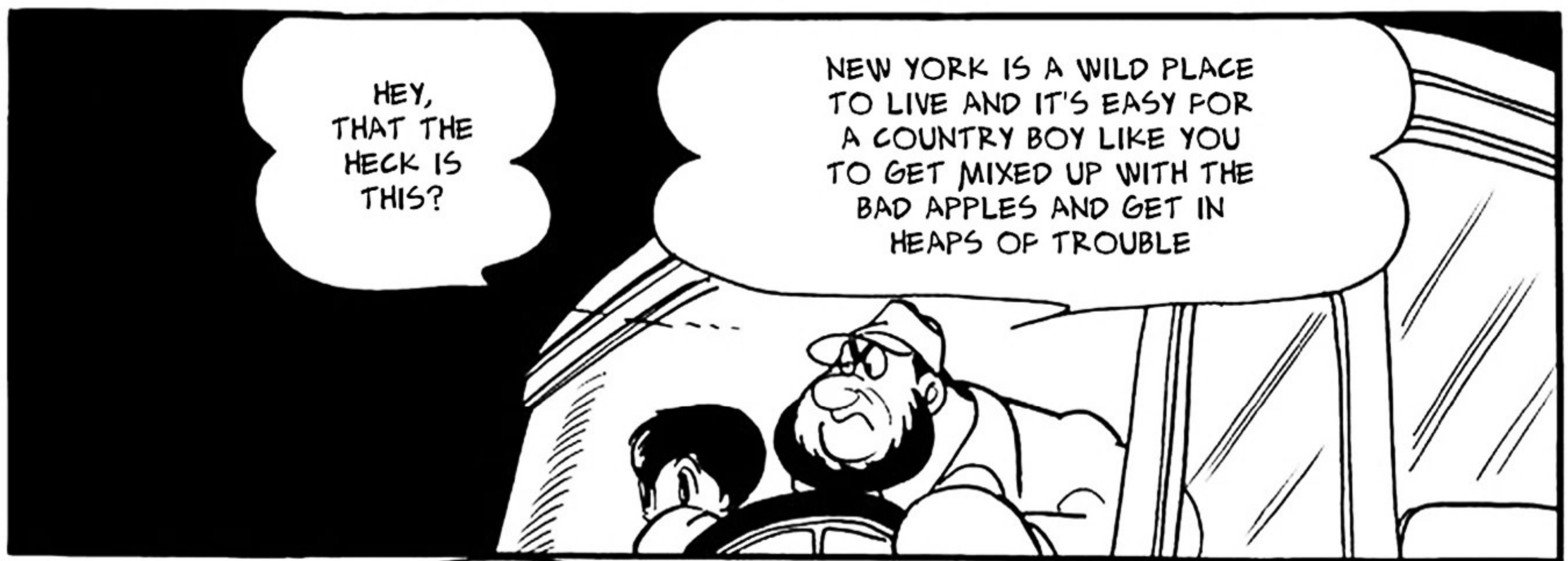

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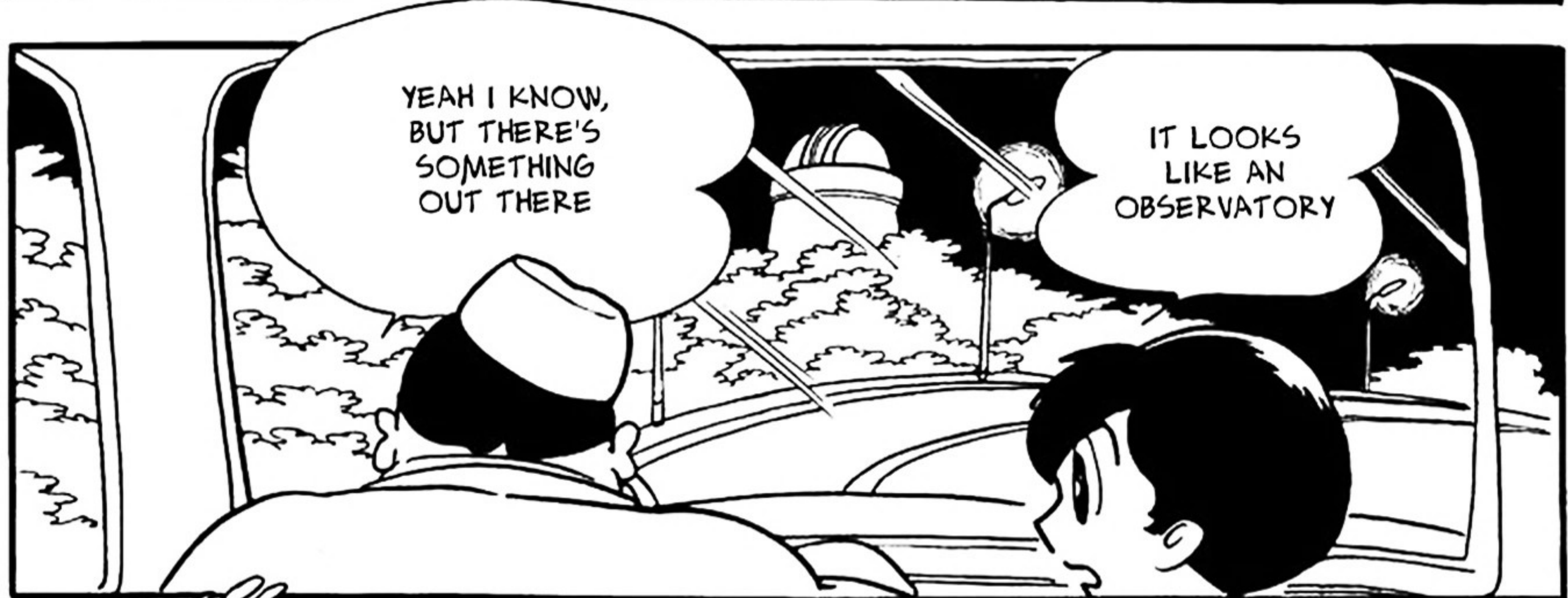

SAY MISTER, COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE ME A LIFT TO NEW YORK CITY?

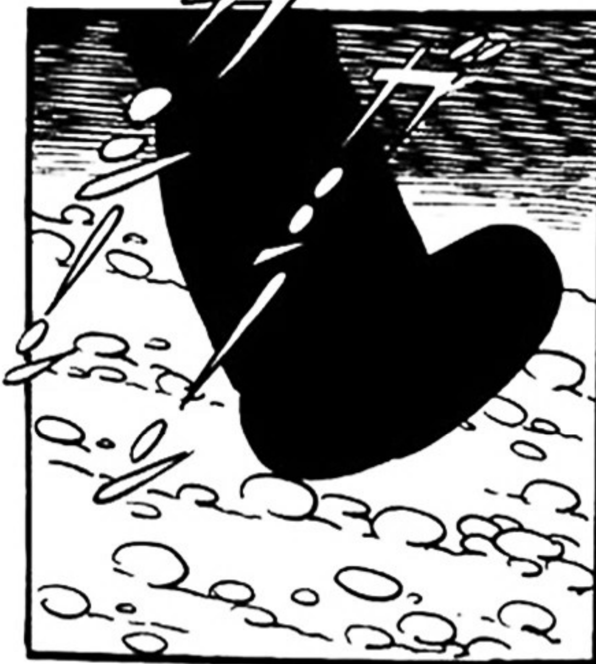

HOW ODD THAT YOU'RE OUT HERE AT THIS TIME. BUT SURE!

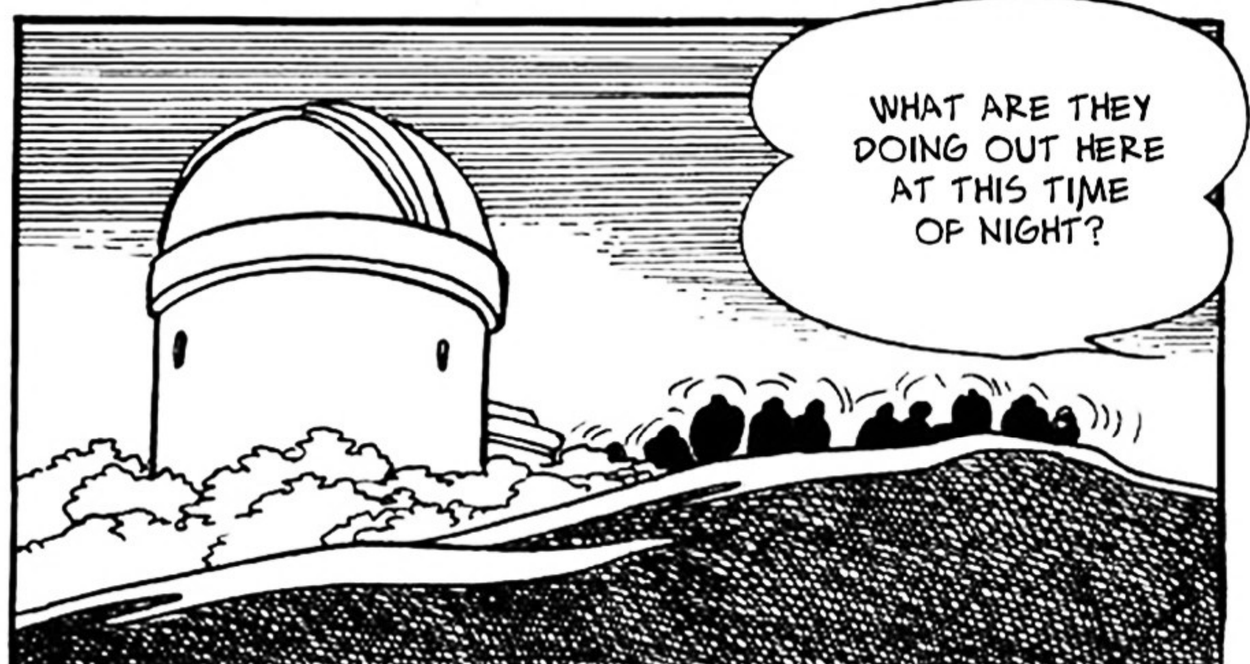

YOU'RE ORIENTAL, AREN'T YOU? ARE YOUR PARENTS POOR?

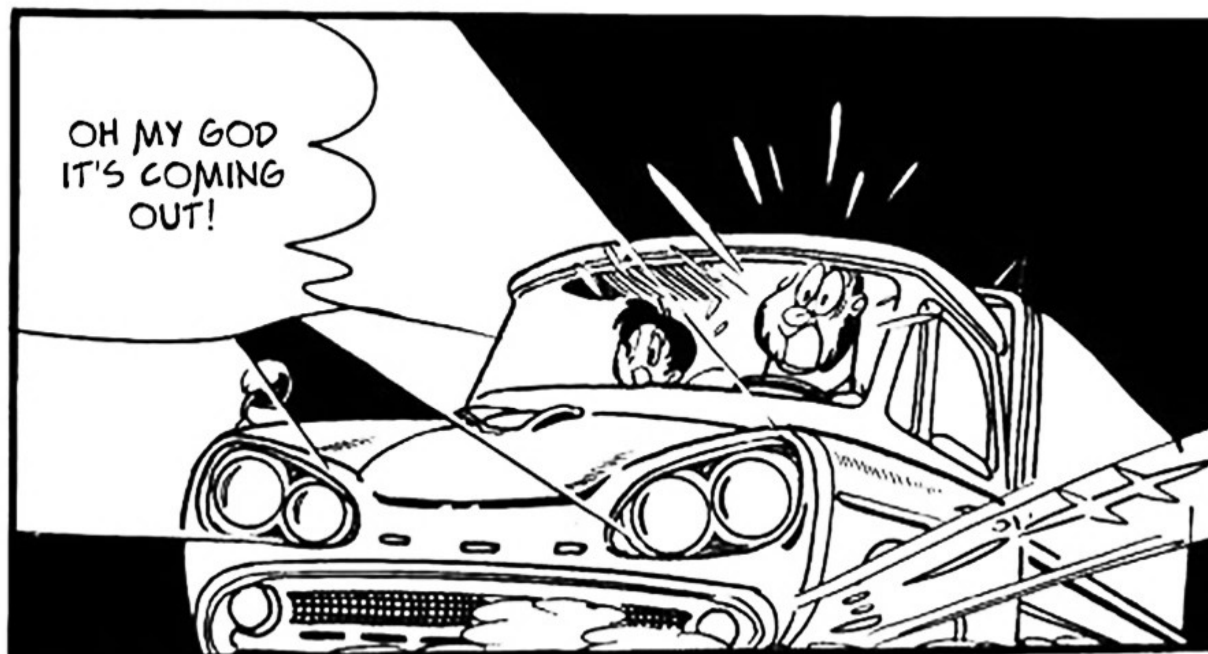

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I RAN AWAY FROM HOME, THINKING I COULD GET BY IN NEW YORK
BOY WAS I FOOLIN' MYSELF!

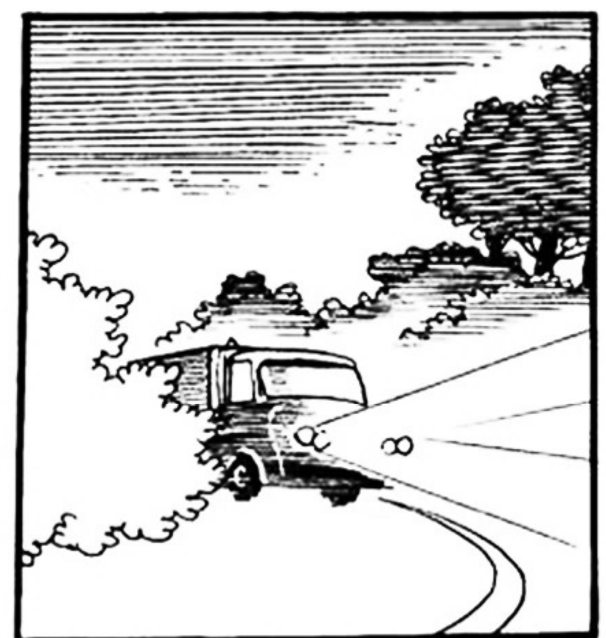

NEW YORK IS A WILD PLACE TO LIVE AND IT'S EASY FOR A COUNTRY BOY LIKE YOU TO GET MIXED UP WITH THE BAD APPLES AND GET IN HEAPS OF TROUBLE
HEY, THAT THE HECK IS THIS?


IT LOOKS LIKE AN OBSERVATORY
YEAH I KNOW, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING OUT THERE

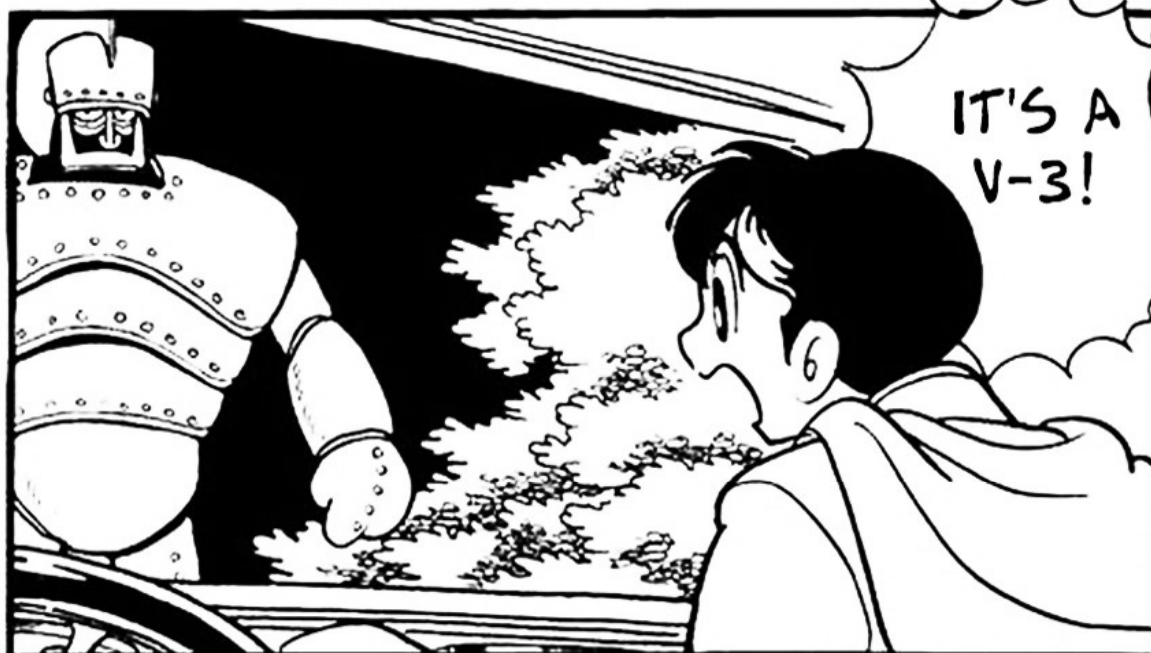



WHAT ARE THEY DOING OUT HERE AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT?


OH MY GOD IT'S COMING OUT!




EEK! HELP! THERE'S A MONSTER ALIEN OUT THERE!


IT'S A V-3!

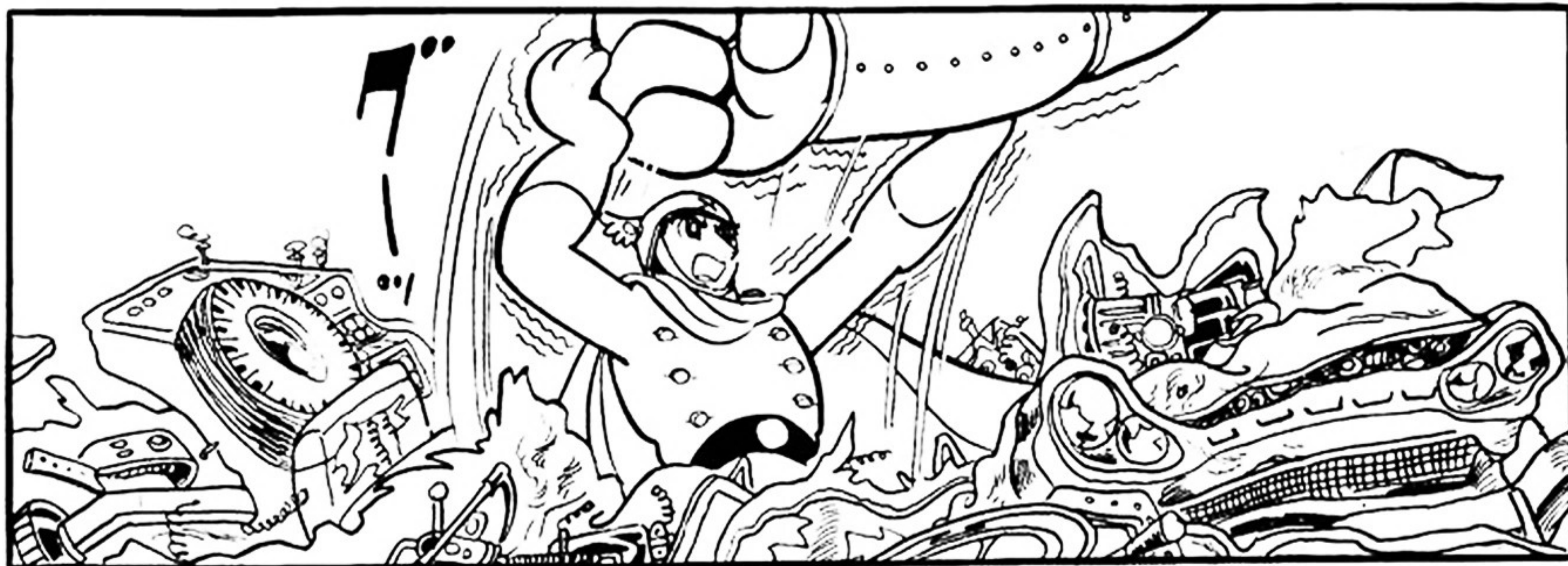

RUN, KID! GET OUTTA HERE!

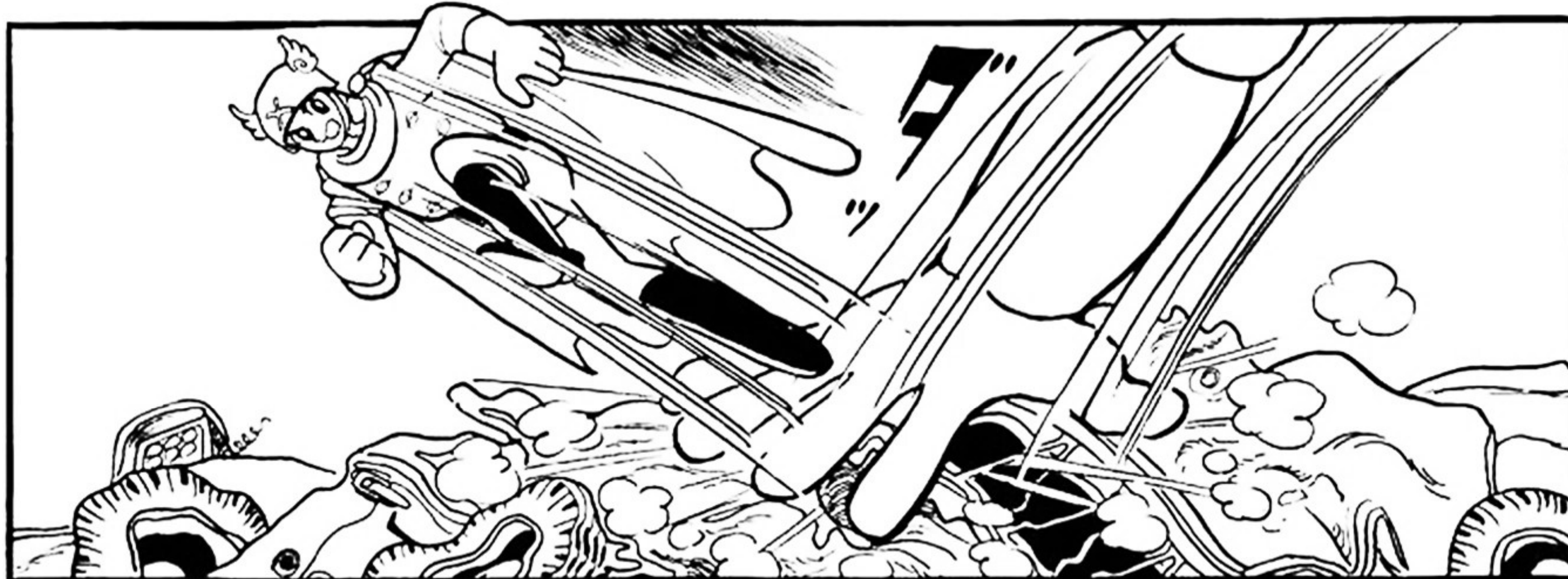


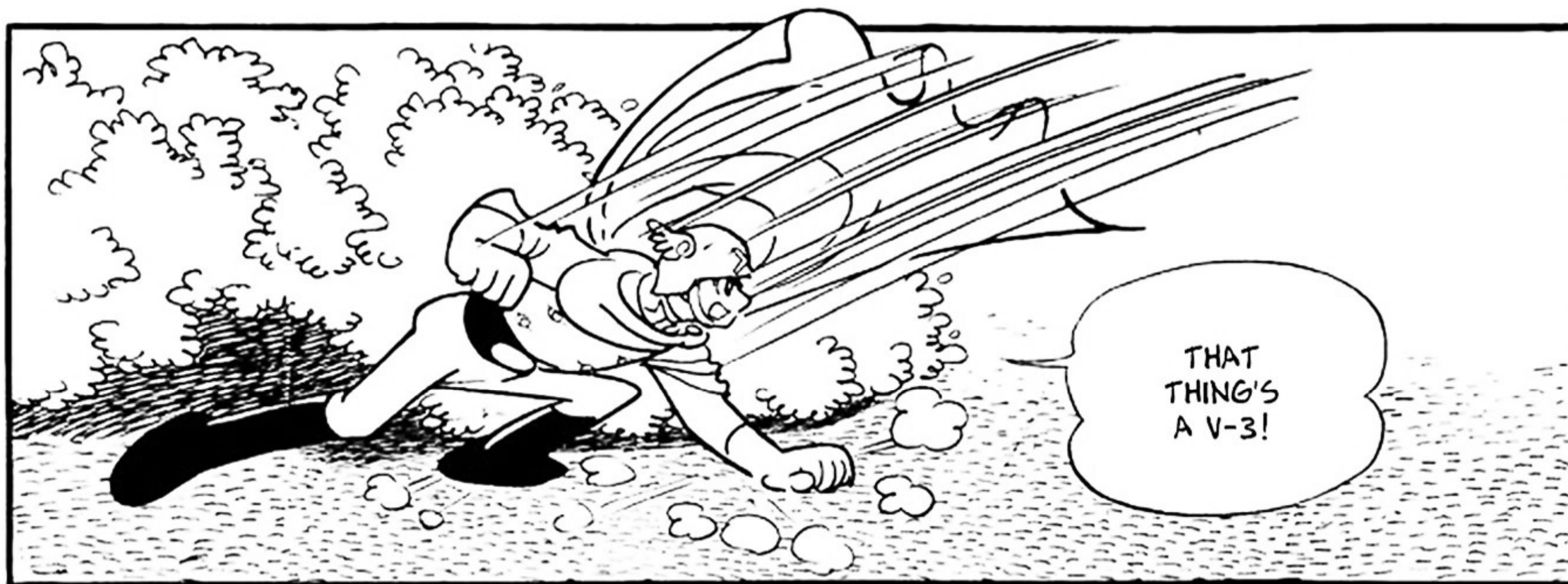


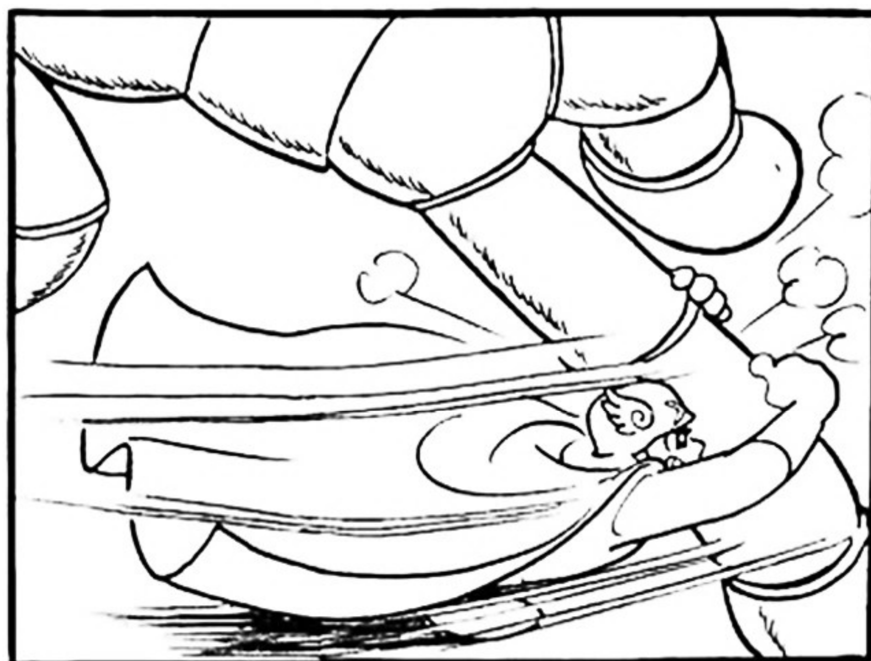
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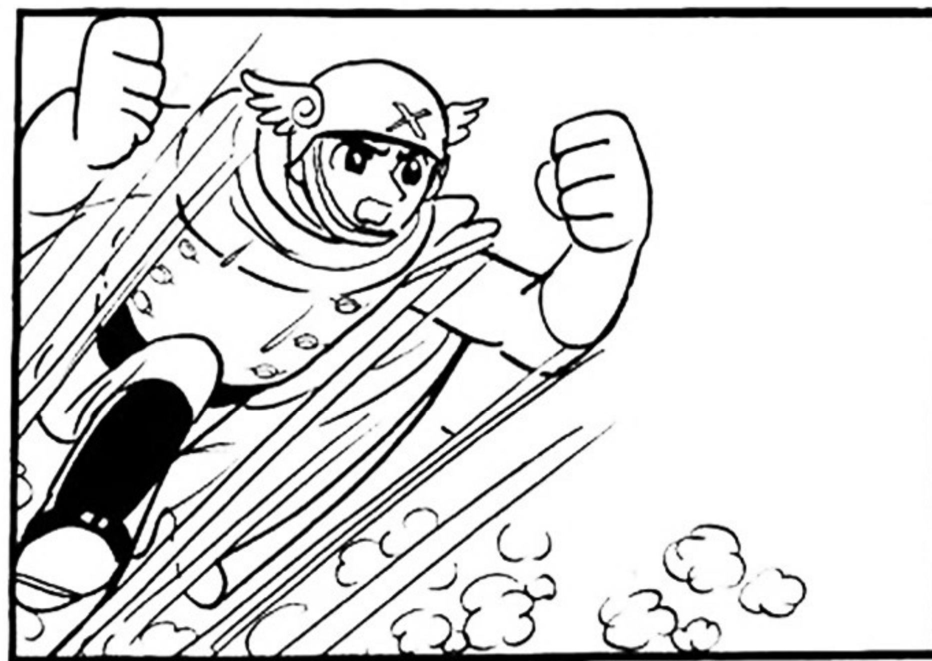
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THAT THING'S A V-3!





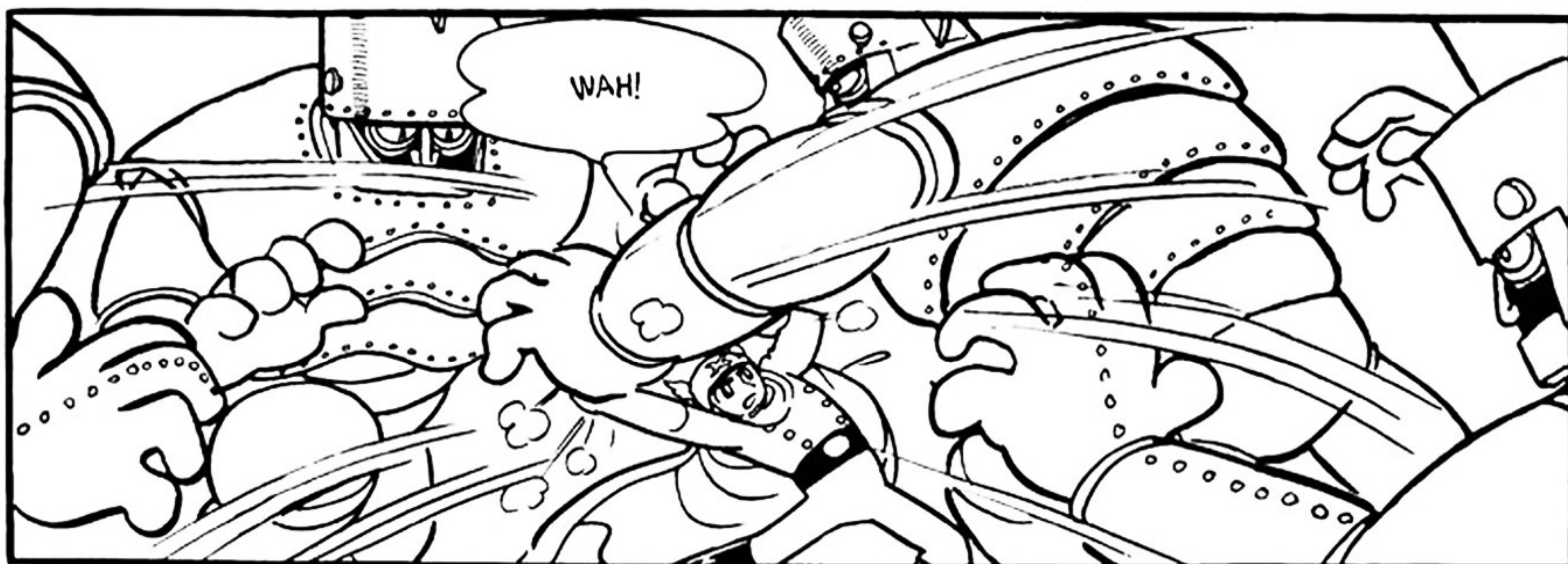
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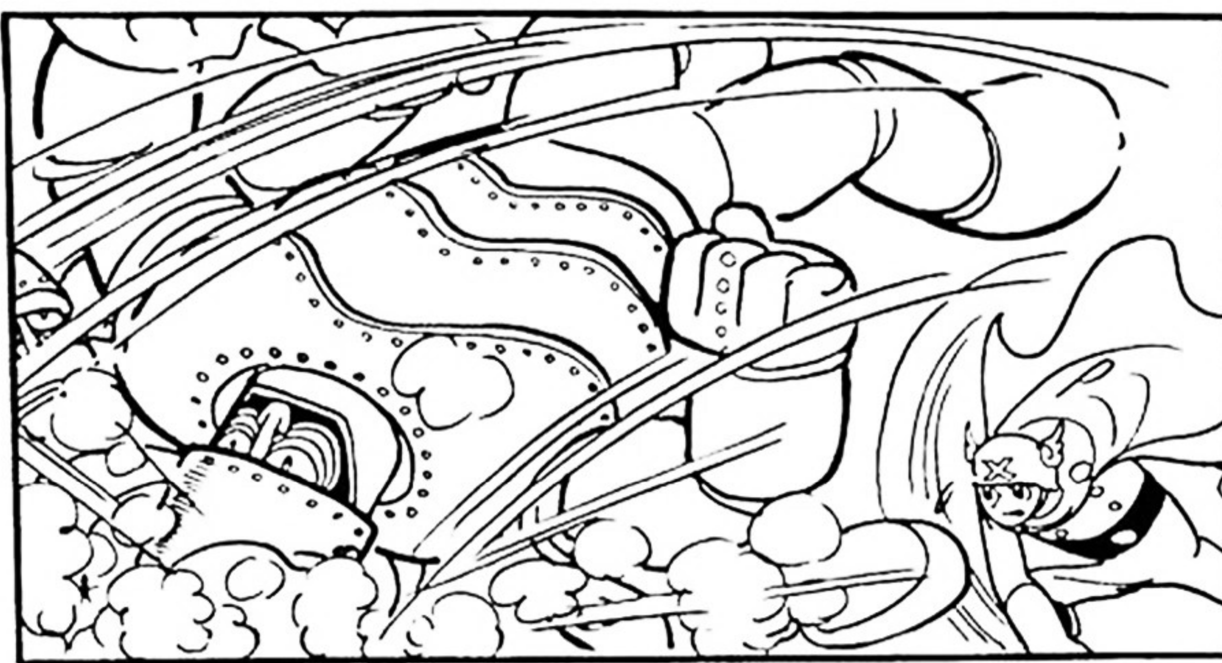


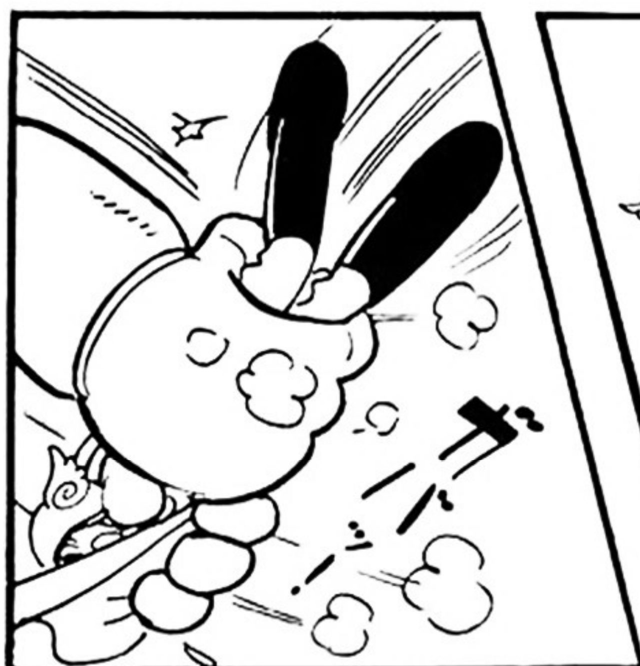
WOAH! THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!

YOU ROBOTS ARE RELICS OF THE NAZI ALLIANCE.. AND YOU'RE HERE ON THE SIDE OF THE CROSS PARTY?!?





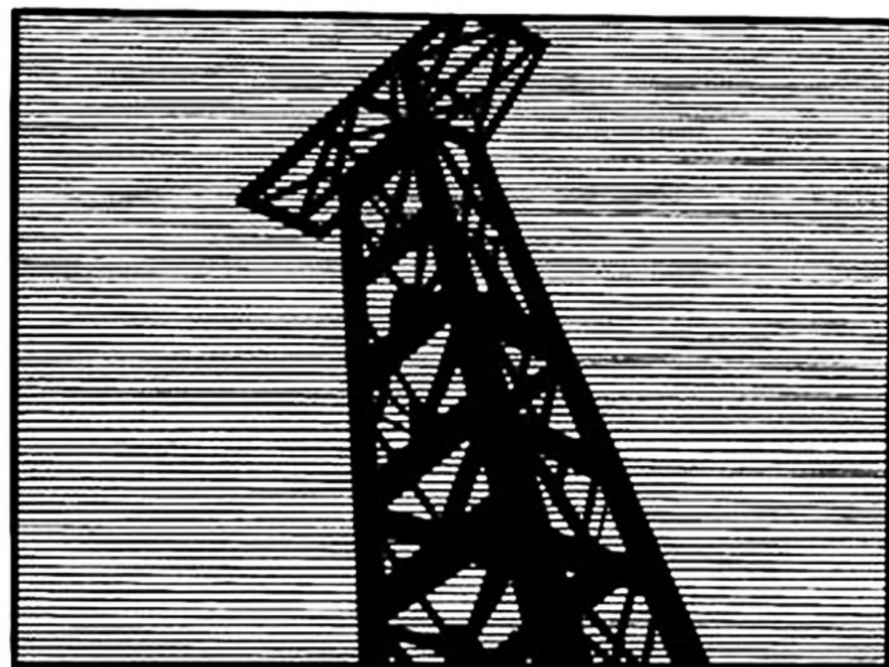


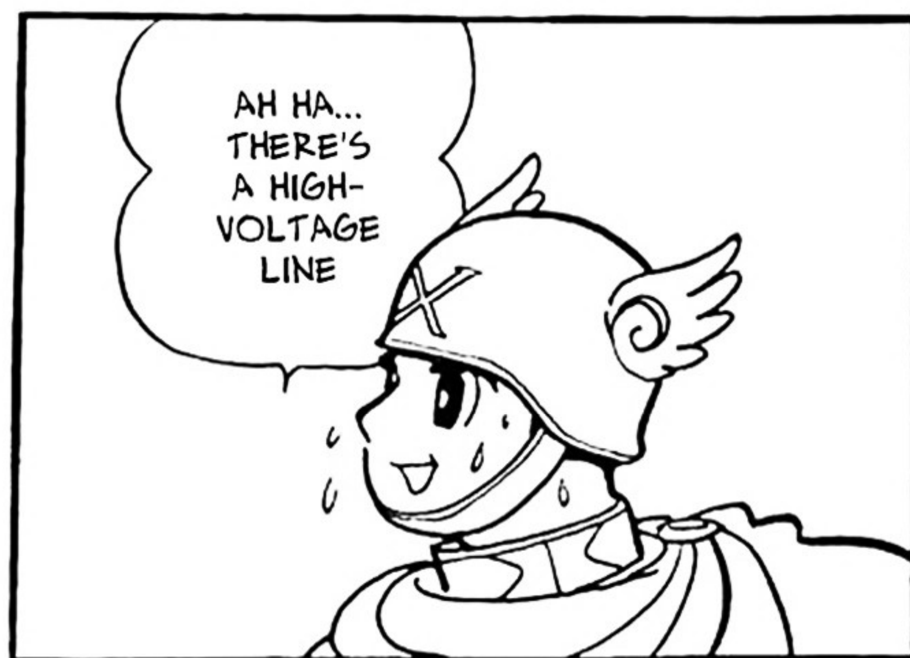


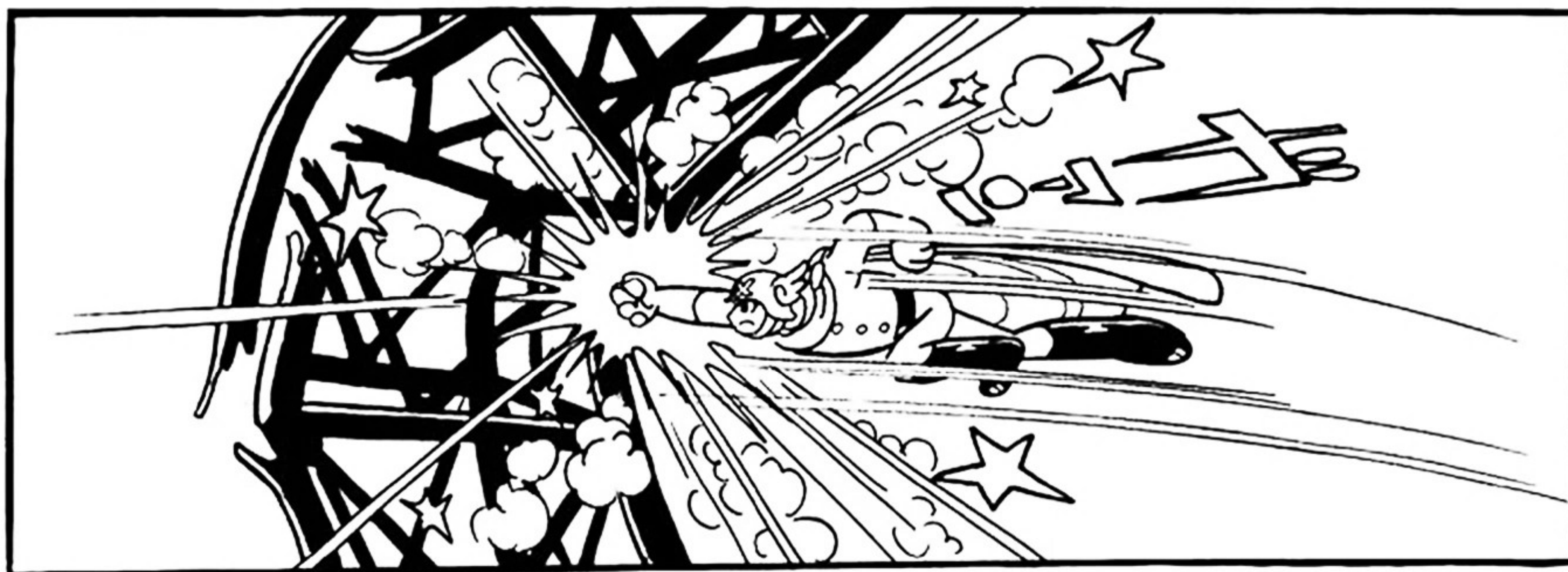



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THIS IS JUST ENDLESS!
IF I KEEP THIS UP I'LL RUN OUT OF THE DRUG AGAIN

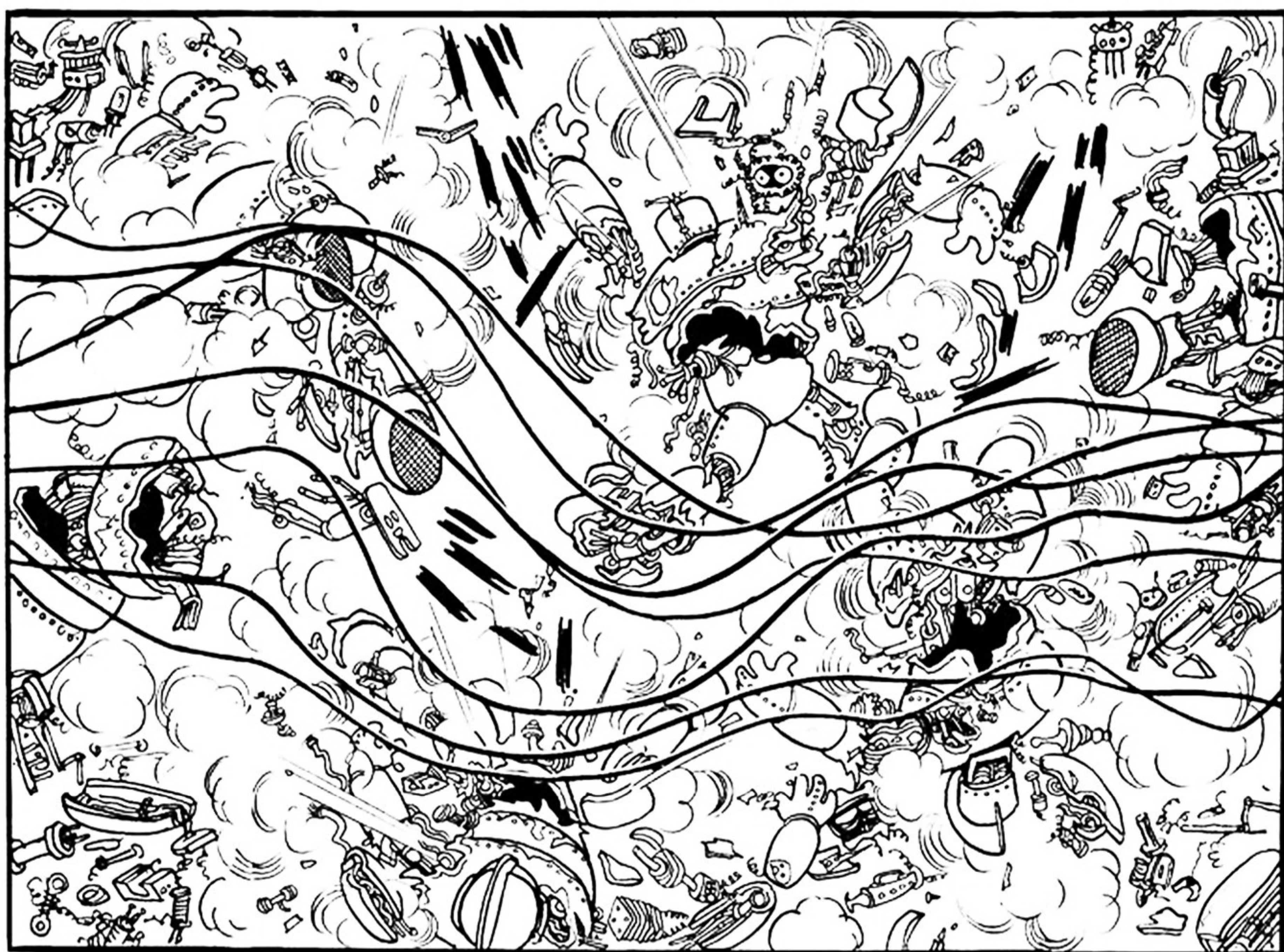



AH HA... THERE'S A HIGH-VOLTAGE LINE





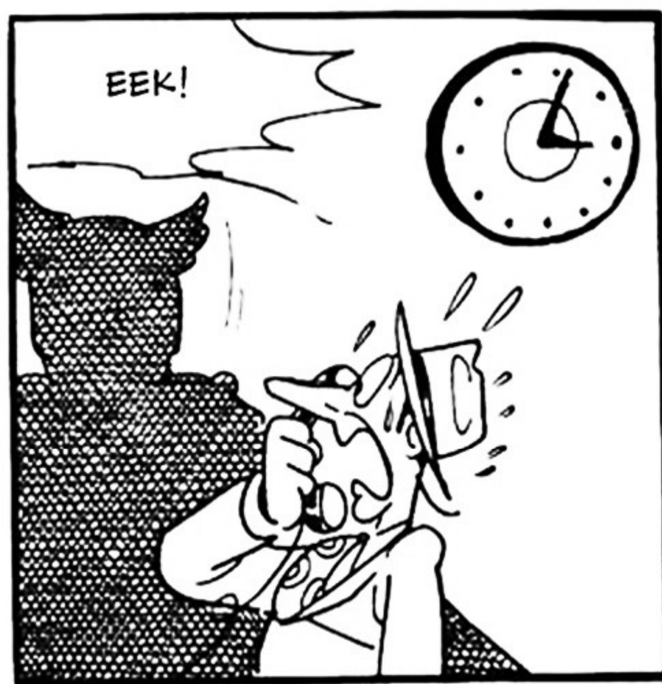


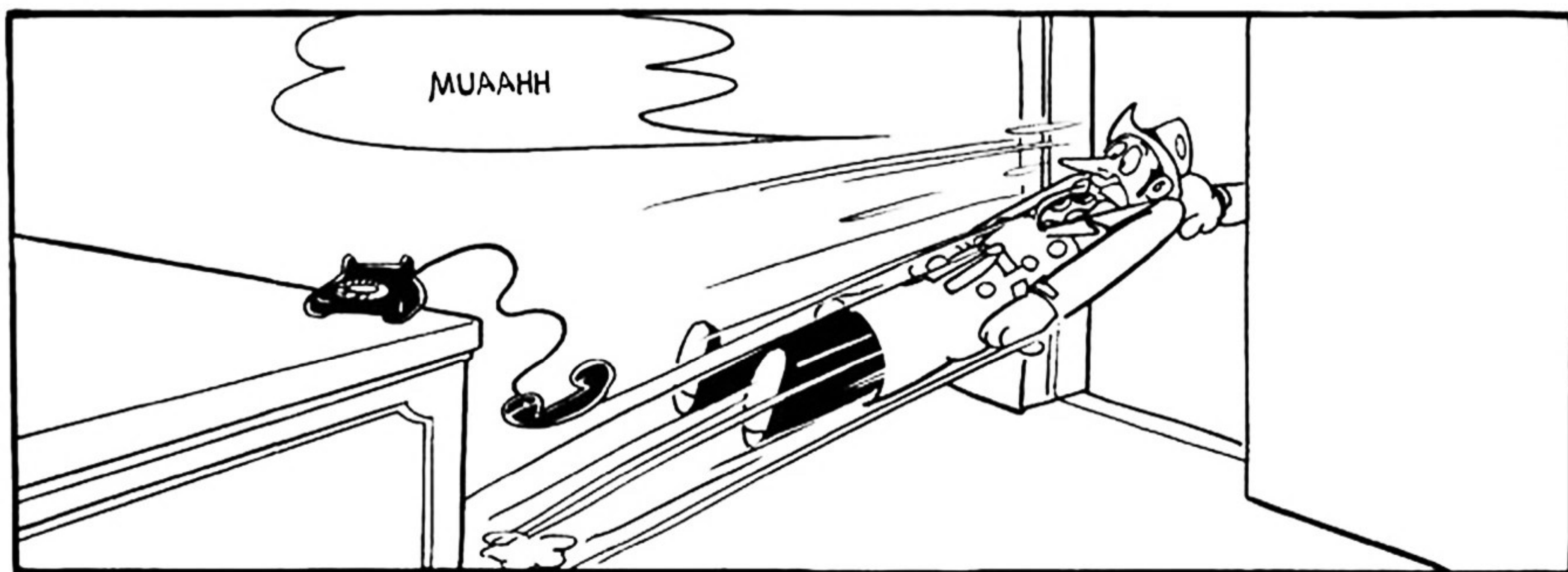


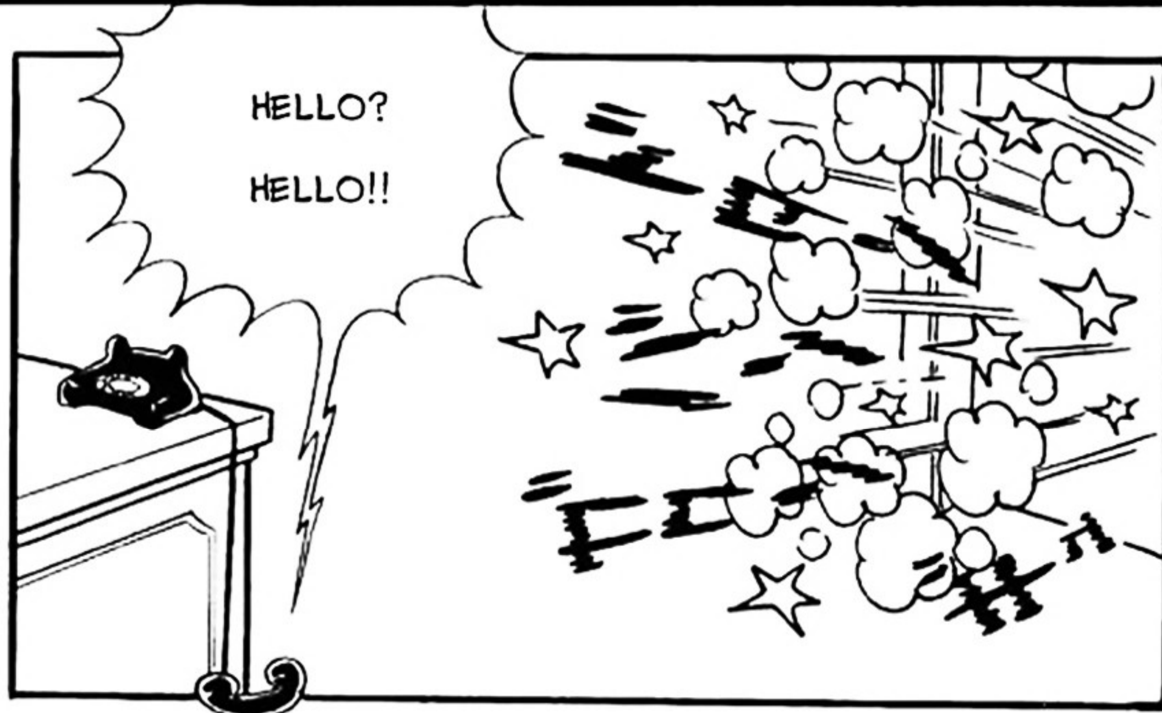



HELLO!! NEW YORK H.Q.! I NEED TO SPEAK WITH THE CHIEF!

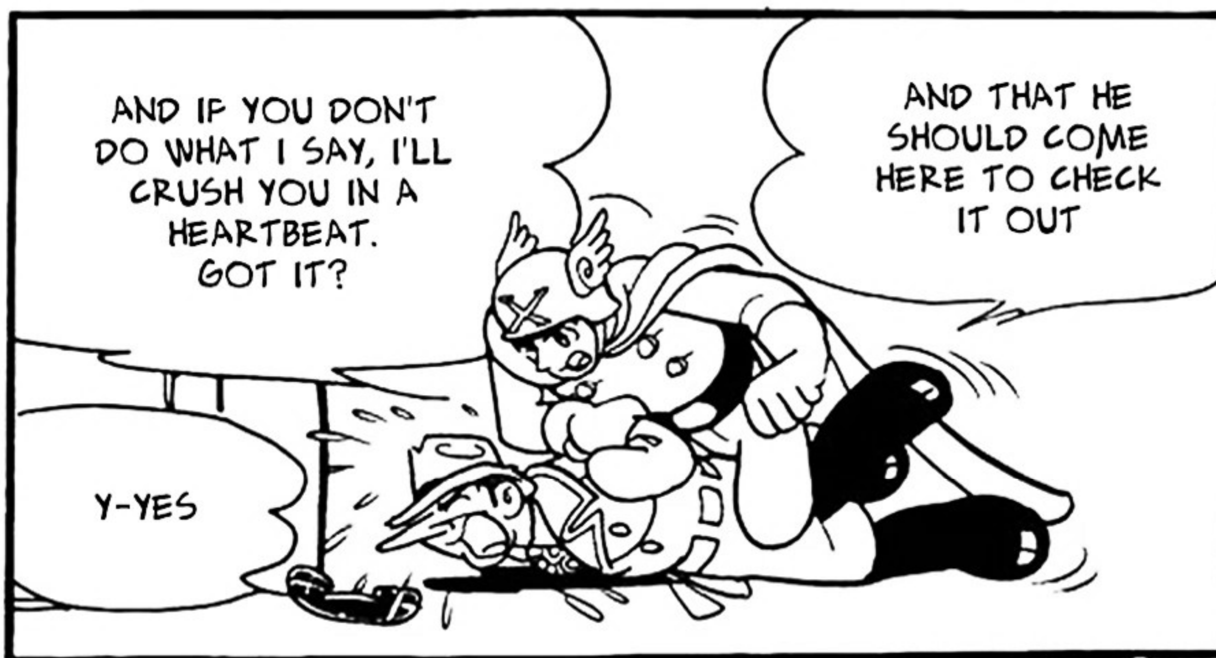



EEK!


MUAAHH

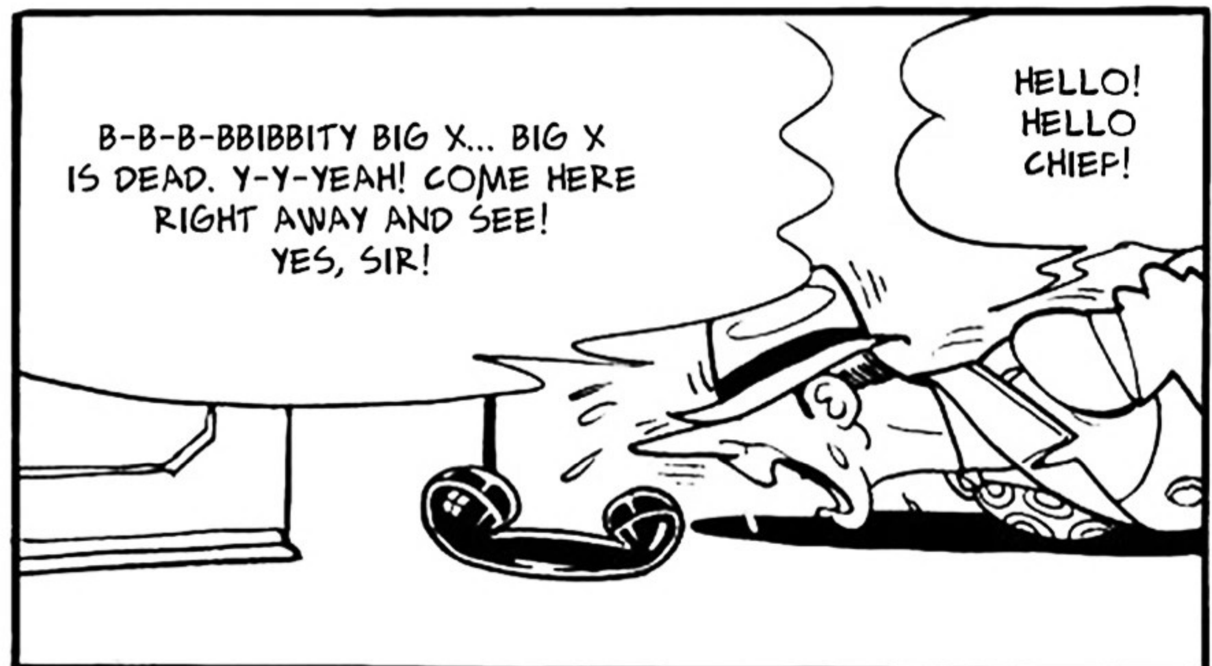

HELLO?
HELLO!!

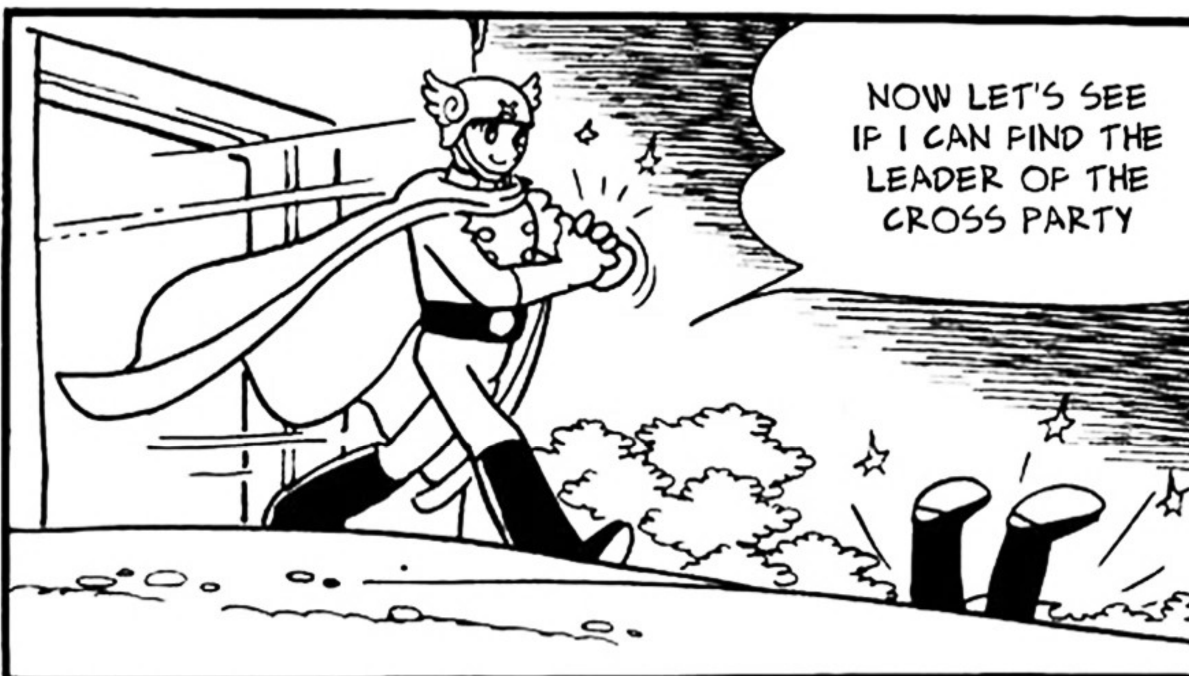

YOUR CHIEF IS ON THE PHONE. WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER IT?


AND IF YOU DON'T DO WHAT I SAY, I'LL CRUSH YOU IN A HEARTBEAT. GOT IT?
AND THAT HE SHOULD COME HERE TO CHECK IT OUT
Y-YES


HOW-EVER
TELL THE CHIEF THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO DEFEAT BIG X


OKAY, VERY WELL DONE!


HELLO! HELLO CHIEF!
B-B-B-BBIBBITY BIG X... BIG X IS DEAD. Y-Y-YEAH! COME HERE RIGHT AWAY AND SEE! YES, SIR!

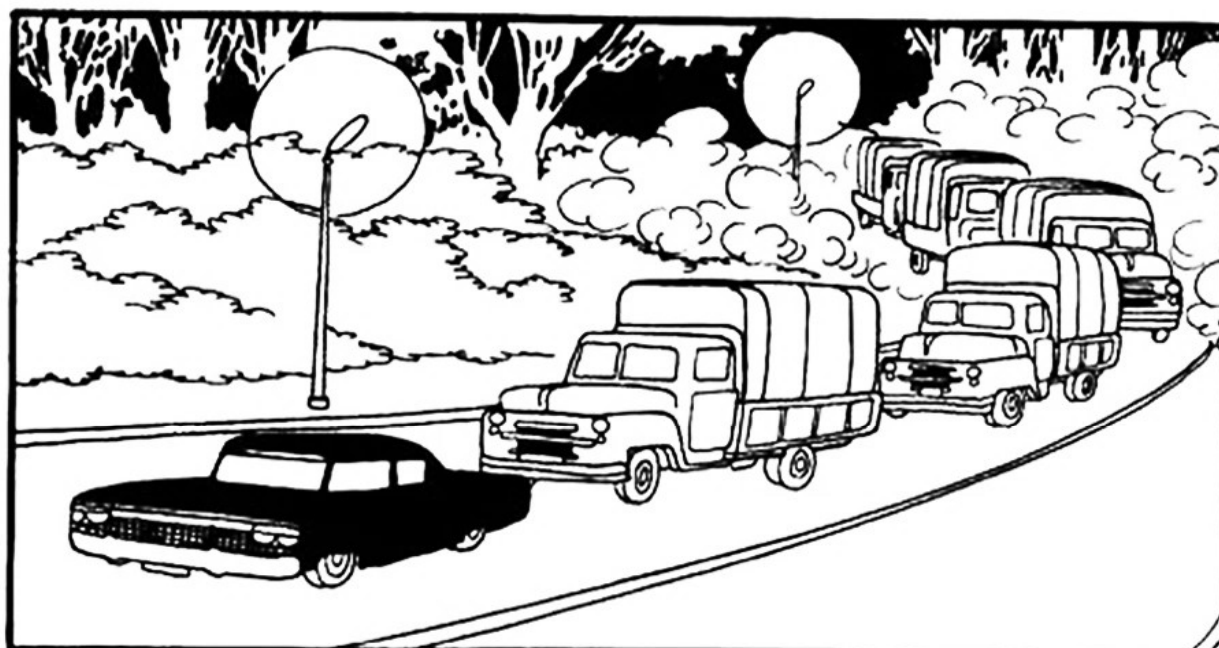

NOW LET'S SEE IF I CAN FIND THE LEADER OF THE CROSS PARTY


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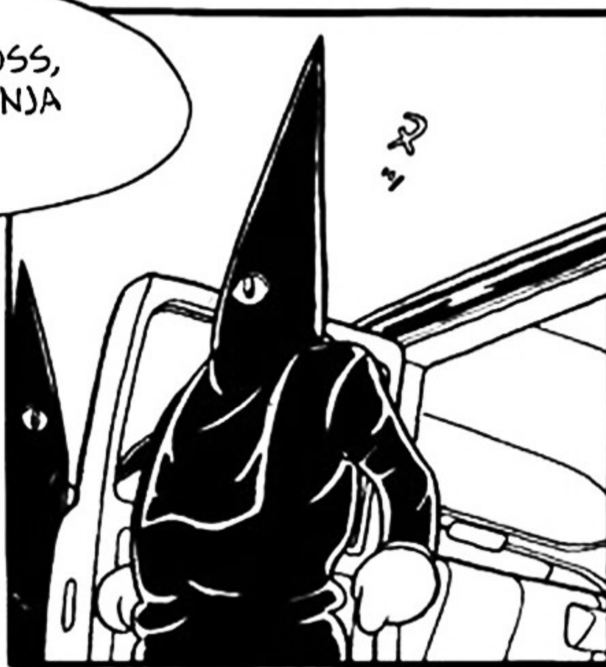
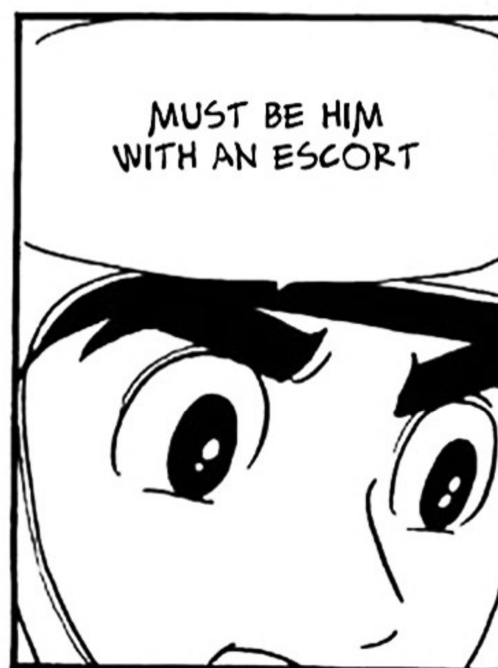




I'LL BE WAITING HERE FOR YOU






IT WASN'T BIG X THAT WAS KILLED. IT WAS ALL OF THESE V-3S! WHO SAID IT WAS BIG X??


HOLY CRAP! WHAT THE HELL IS THIS? A BUNCH OF V-3S?


T-THE PHONE REPORT SAID THAT IT WAS BIG X
THAT'S WEIRD! HE SHOULD BE DEAD!


SHUT UP!


W-W-WHAT THE HELL?




I'M SERIOUSLY PISSED OFF!
NOW....


HEH HEH HEH
THANKS FOR
ANSWERING MY
PHONE CALL!


Y-Y-YOU!
YOU'RE
BIG X!

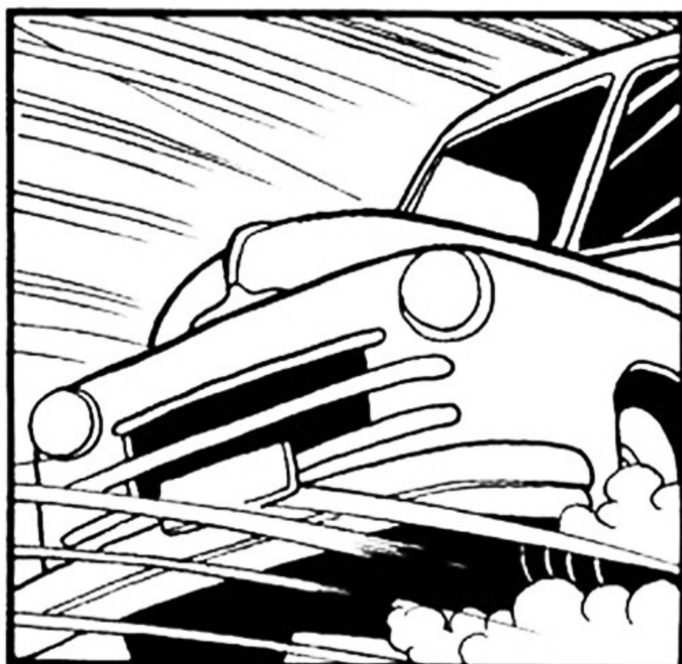

ALL RIGHT, I'LL
MAKE YOU
UNDERSTAND

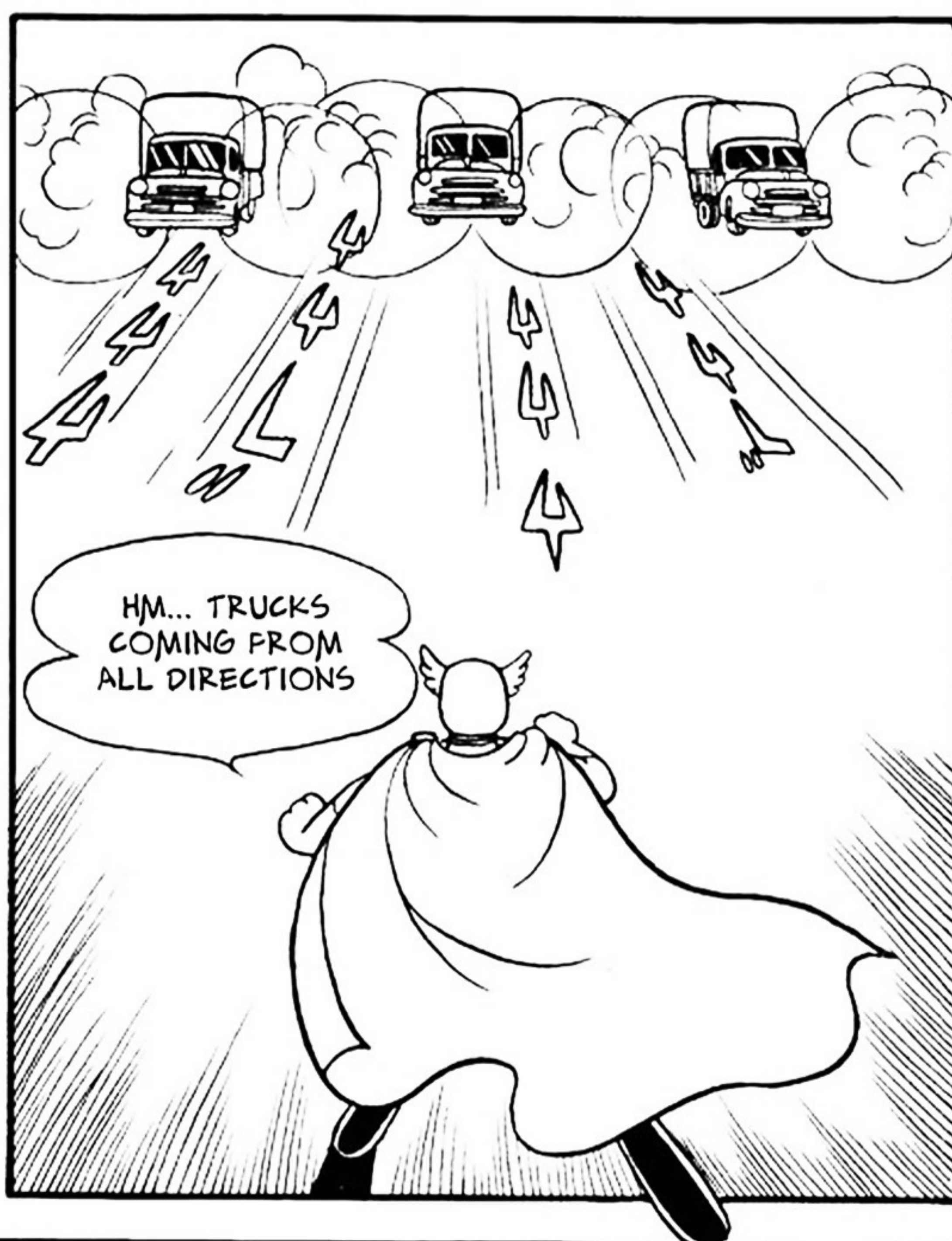

I'VE HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK
INTO ALL OF YOUR SCHEMES.
BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN
THE WAY YOU WANT IT TO.
YOU'RE ALL DOOMED.


OH SHIT!
SHOOT EM!

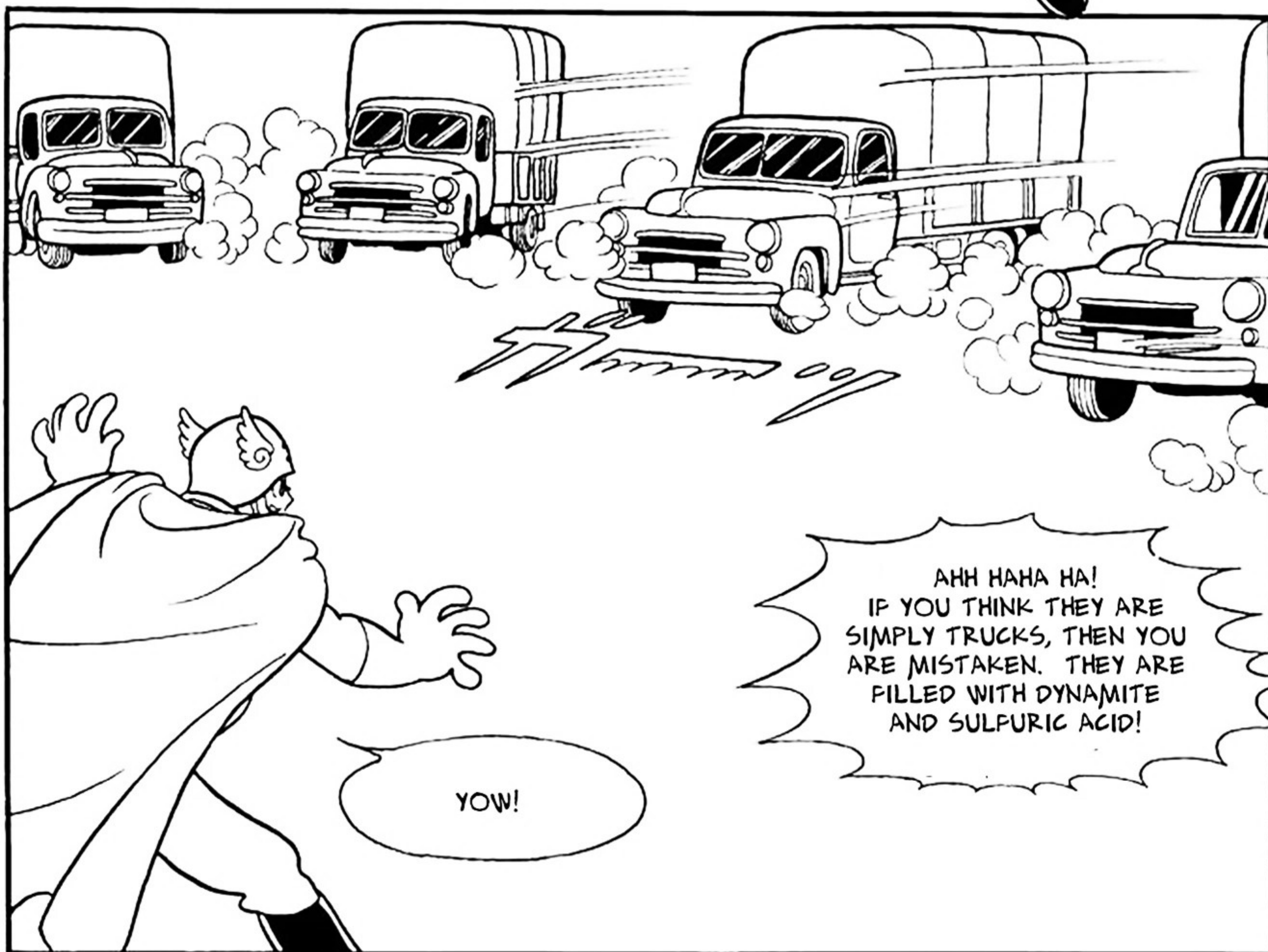

TURN ON THE
HEADLIGHTS

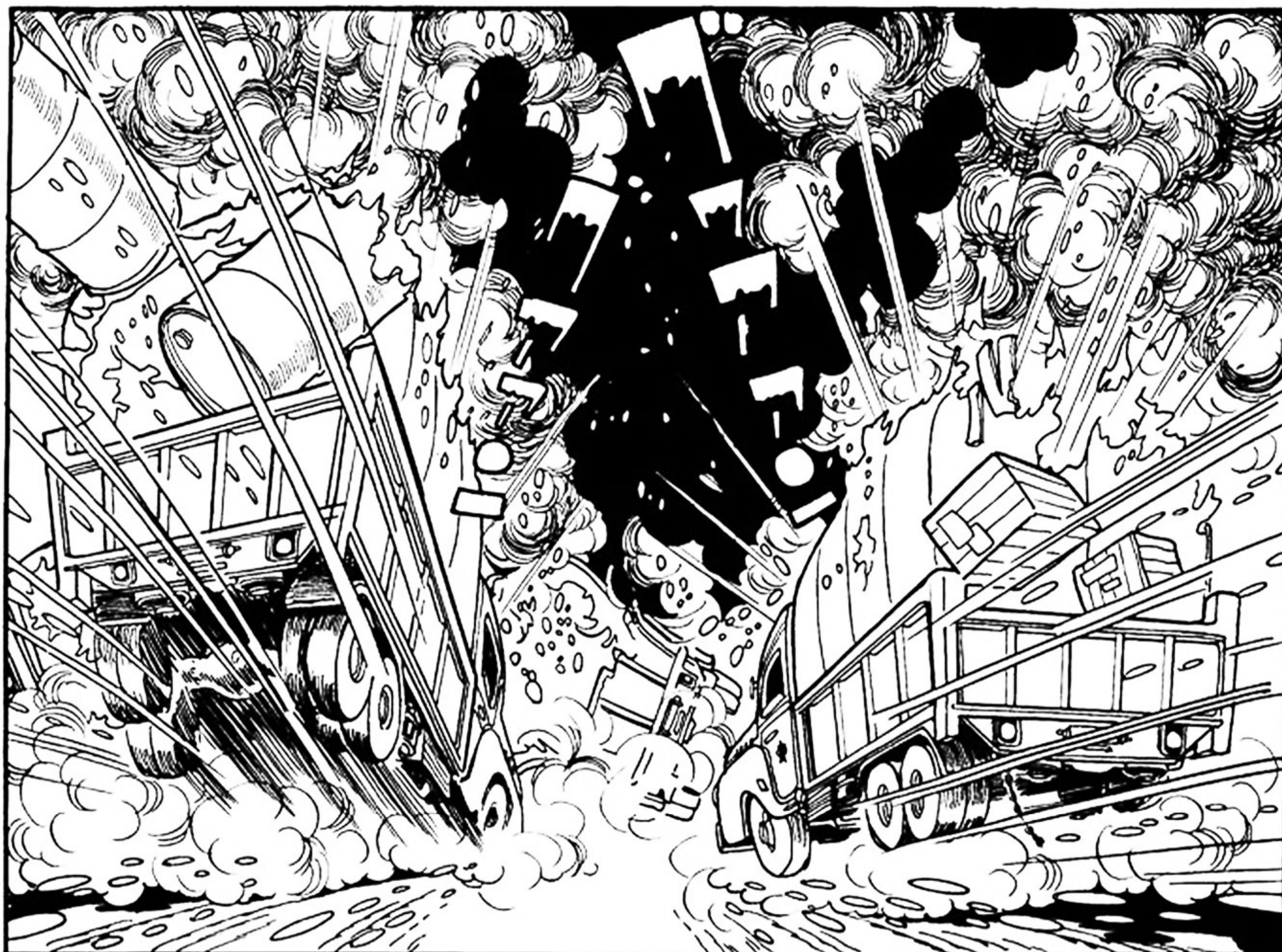

COME ON!

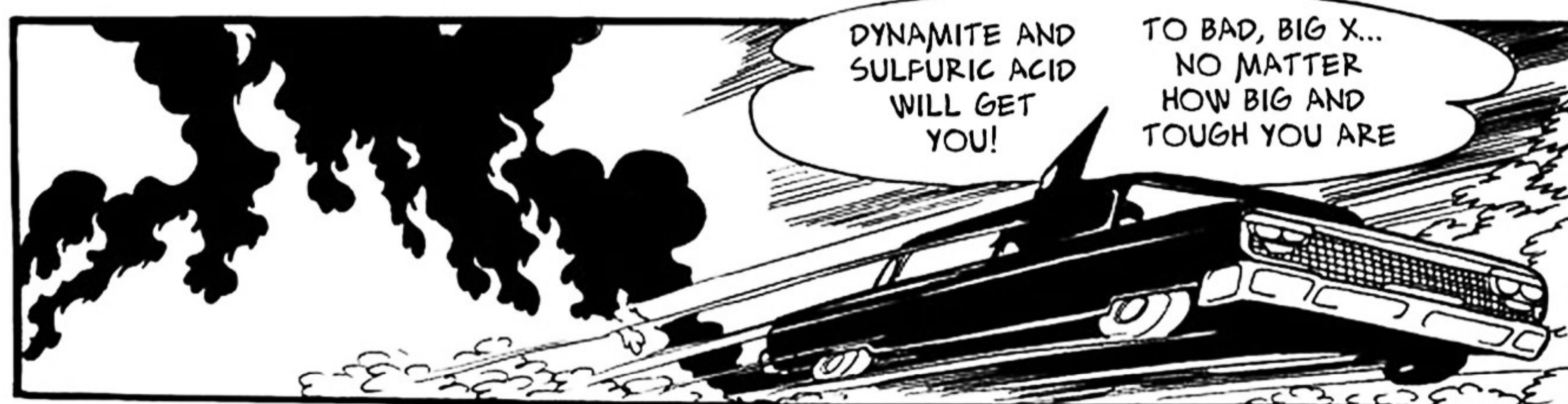



HM... TRUCKS COMING FROM ALL DIRECTIONS

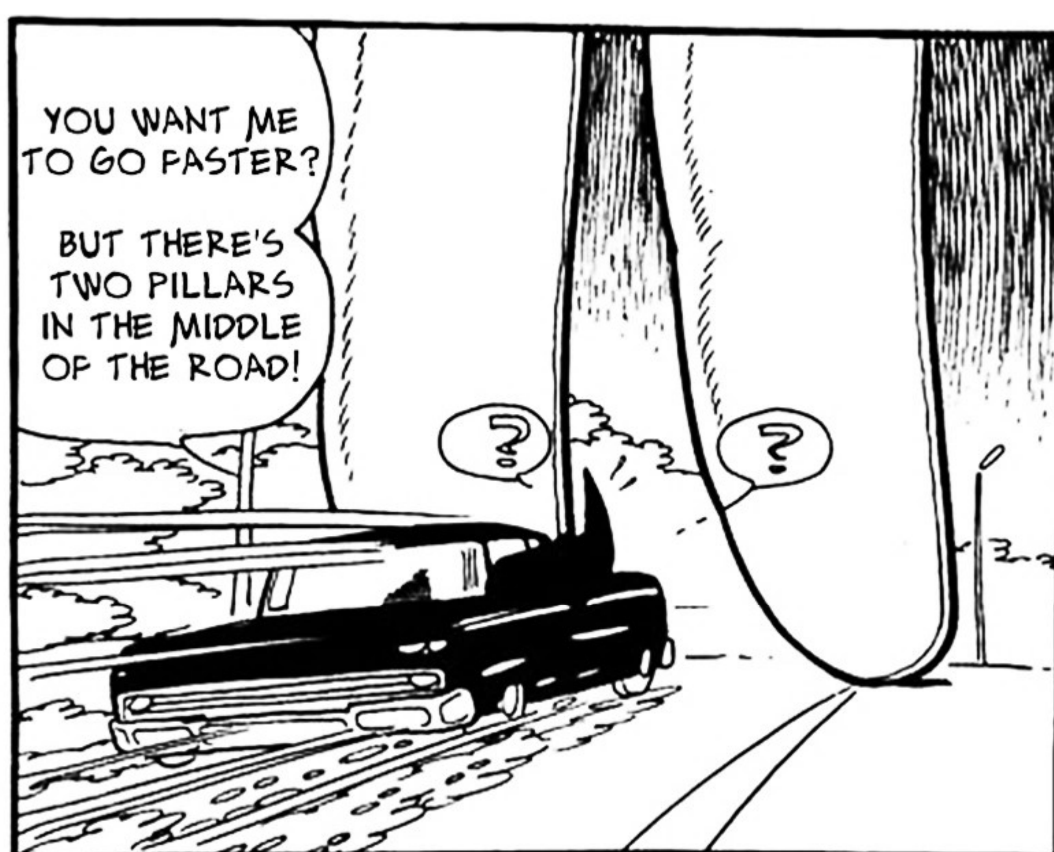

REALLY? YOU'RE GOING TO HIT ME WITH SOME TRUCKS?
NOT SCARY.

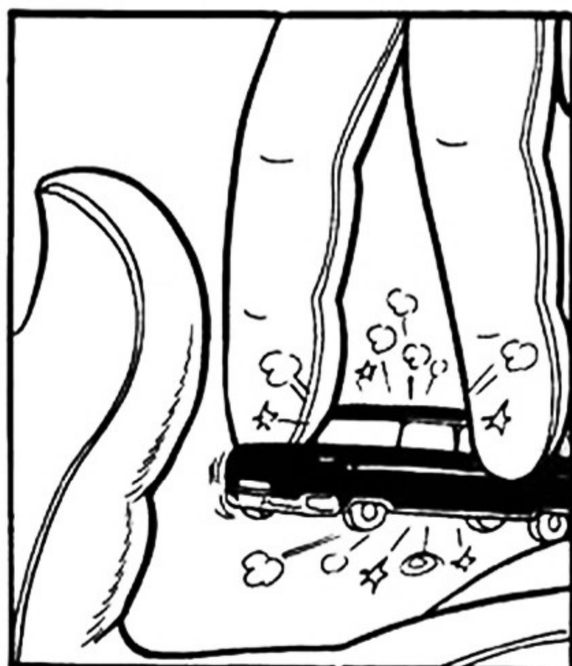

AHH HAHA HA! IF YOU THINK THEY ARE SIMPLY TRUCKS, THEN YOU ARE MISTAKEN. THEY ARE FILLED WITH DYNAMITE AND SULFURIC ACID!
YOW!



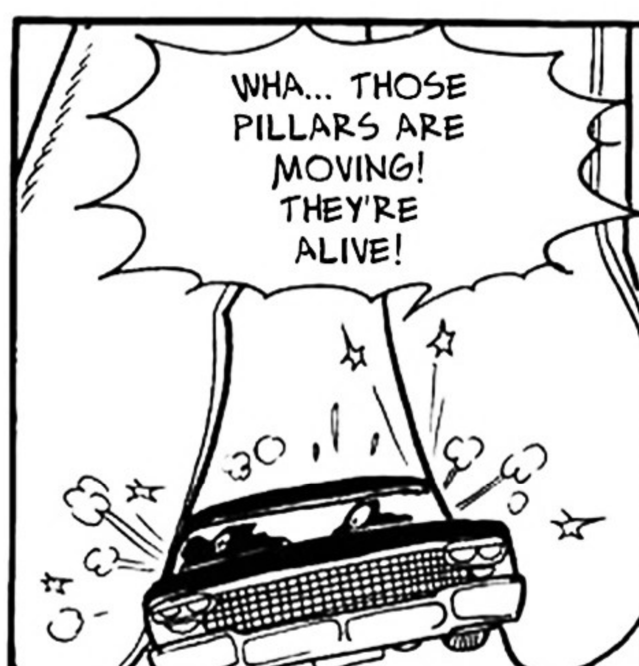

TO BAD, BIG X... NO MATTER HOW BIG AND TOUGH YOU ARE
DYNAMITE AND SULFURIC ACID WILL GET YOU!


MUAAA HA HA HA! STEP ON IT! WE'LL WATCH HIM BURN FROM AFAR

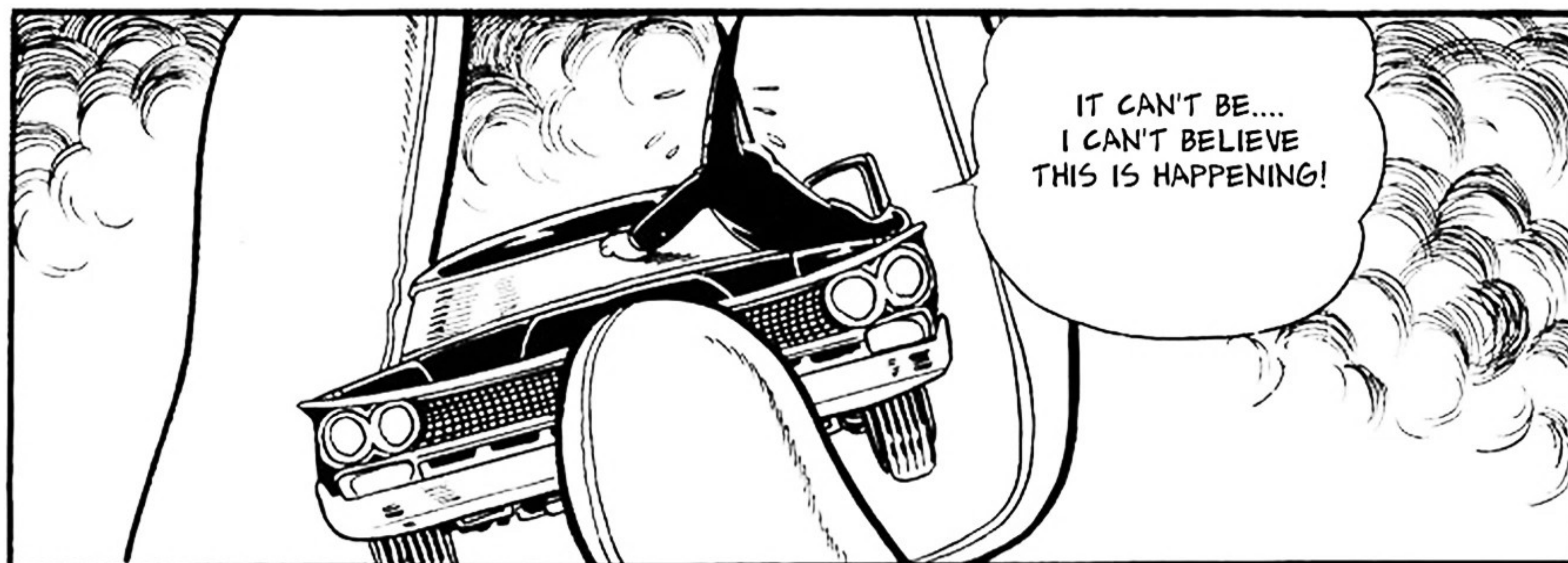

YOU WANT ME TO GO FASTER?
BUT THERE'S TWO PILLARS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD!
?
?

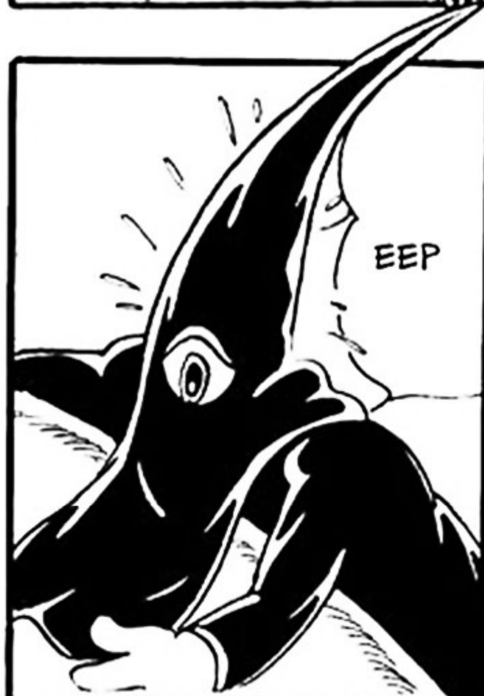


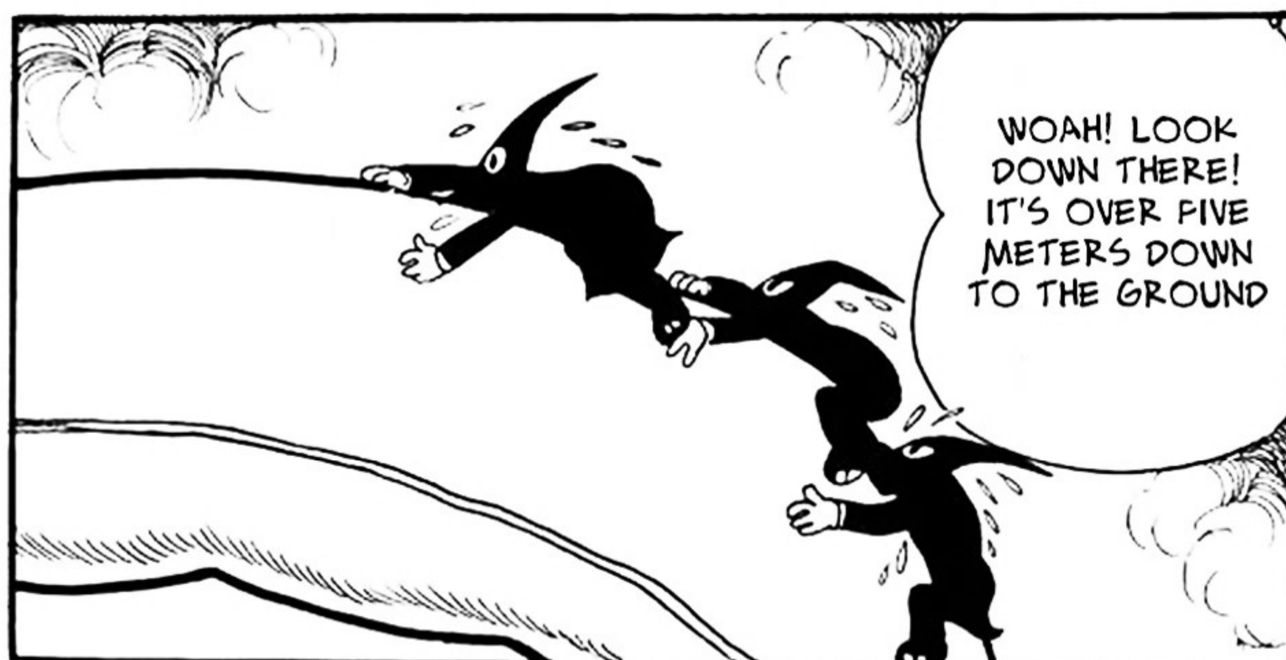

AHHH! THEY'RE BIG X'S FINGERS!


WHA... THOSE PILLARS ARE MOVING! THEY'RE ALIVE!

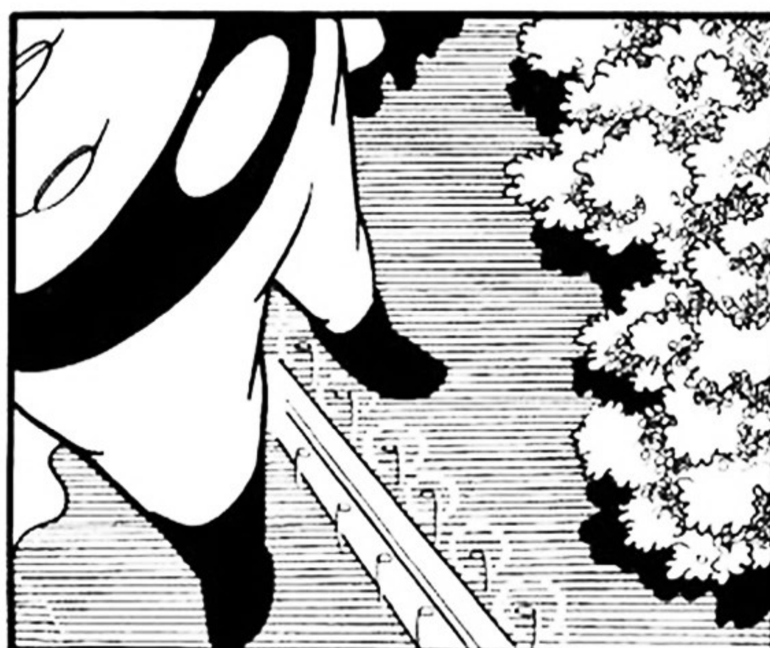
THERE'S A BIT OF FIRE GLOWING DOWN THERE JUST BELOW MY FEET
EEEK!


IT CAN'T BE....
I CAN'T BELIEVE
THIS IS HAPPENING!

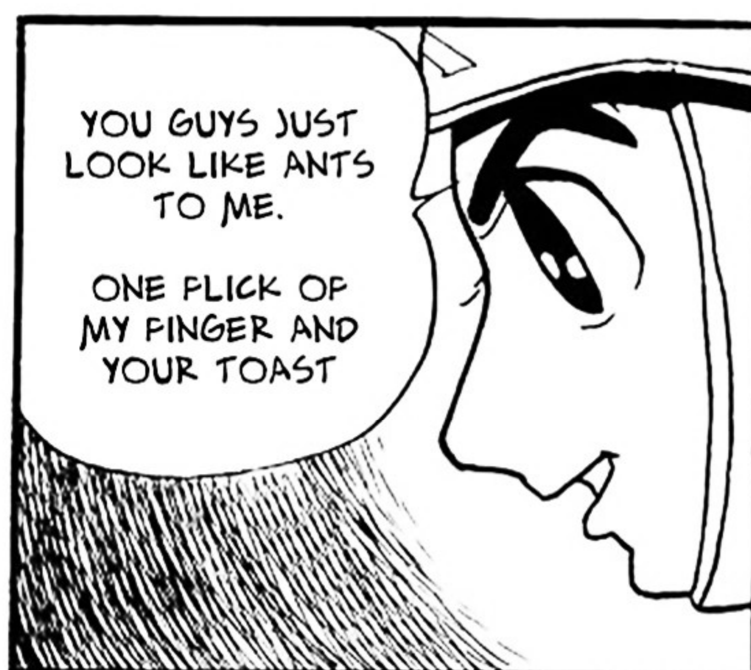

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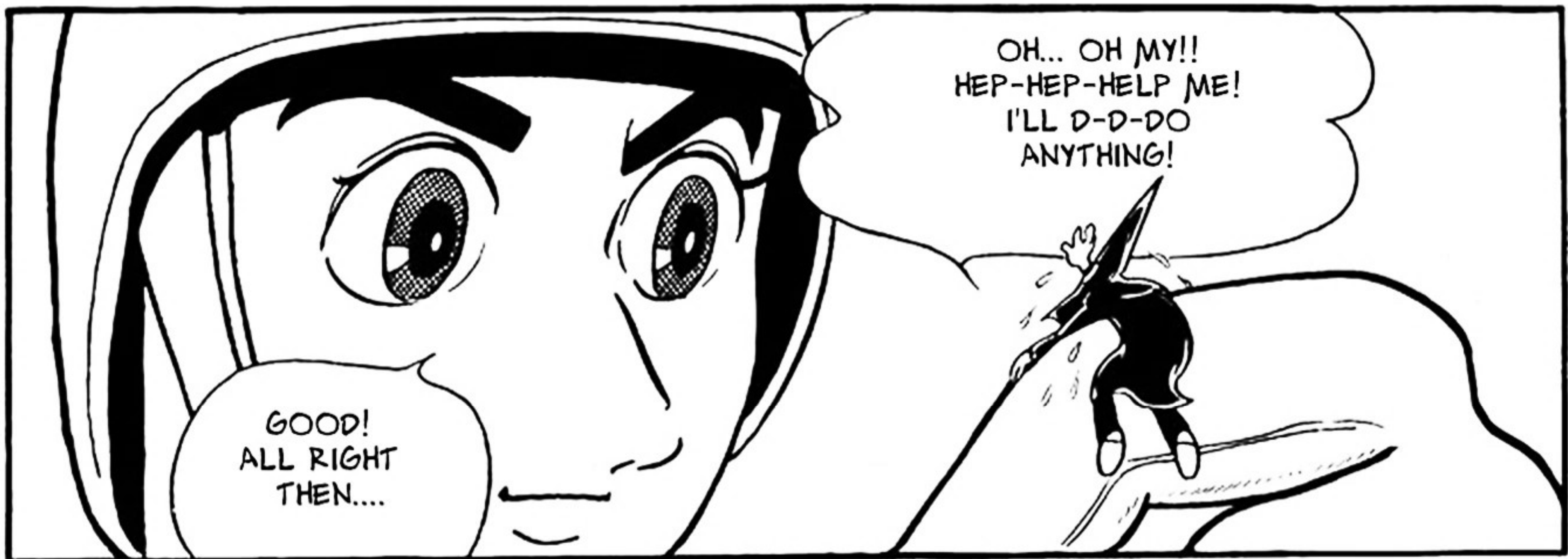

WOAH! LOOK DOWN THERE! IT'S OVER FIVE METERS DOWN TO THE GROUND


RIGHT NOW I'M OVER 100 METERS TALL



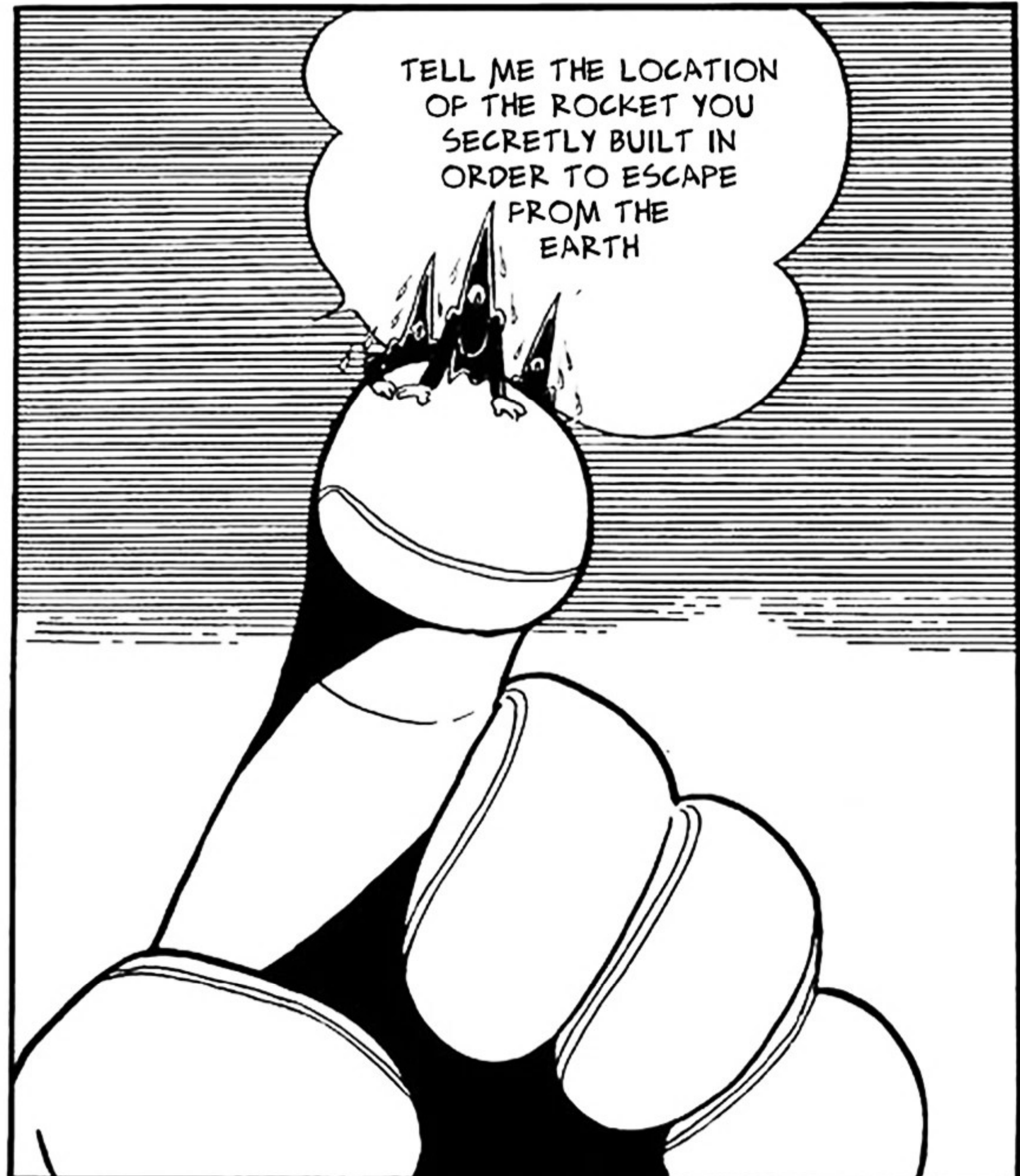

YOU'LL BE SHOT OUTTA HERE. BLOWN AWAY BY 300 METERS

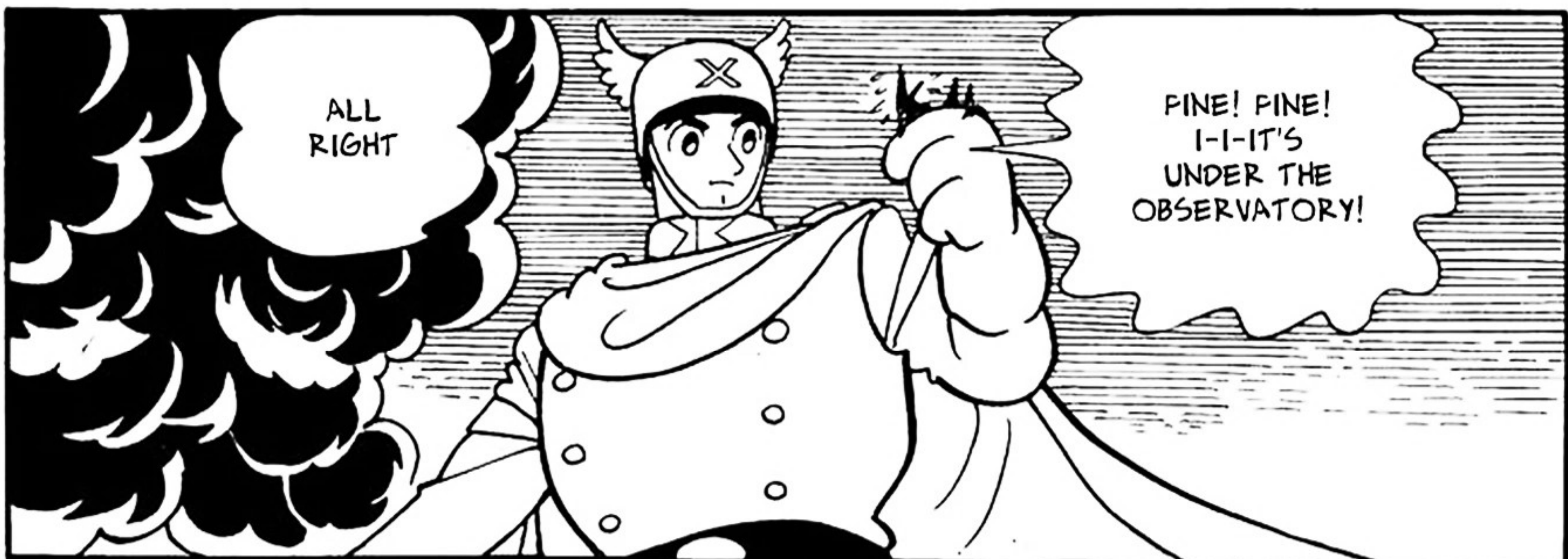

YOU GUYS JUST LOOK LIKE ANTS TO ME.
ONE FLICK OF MY FINGER AND YOUR TOAST


OH... OH MY!! HEP-HEP-HELP ME! I'LL D-D-DO ANYTHING!
GOOD! ALL RIGHT THEN....

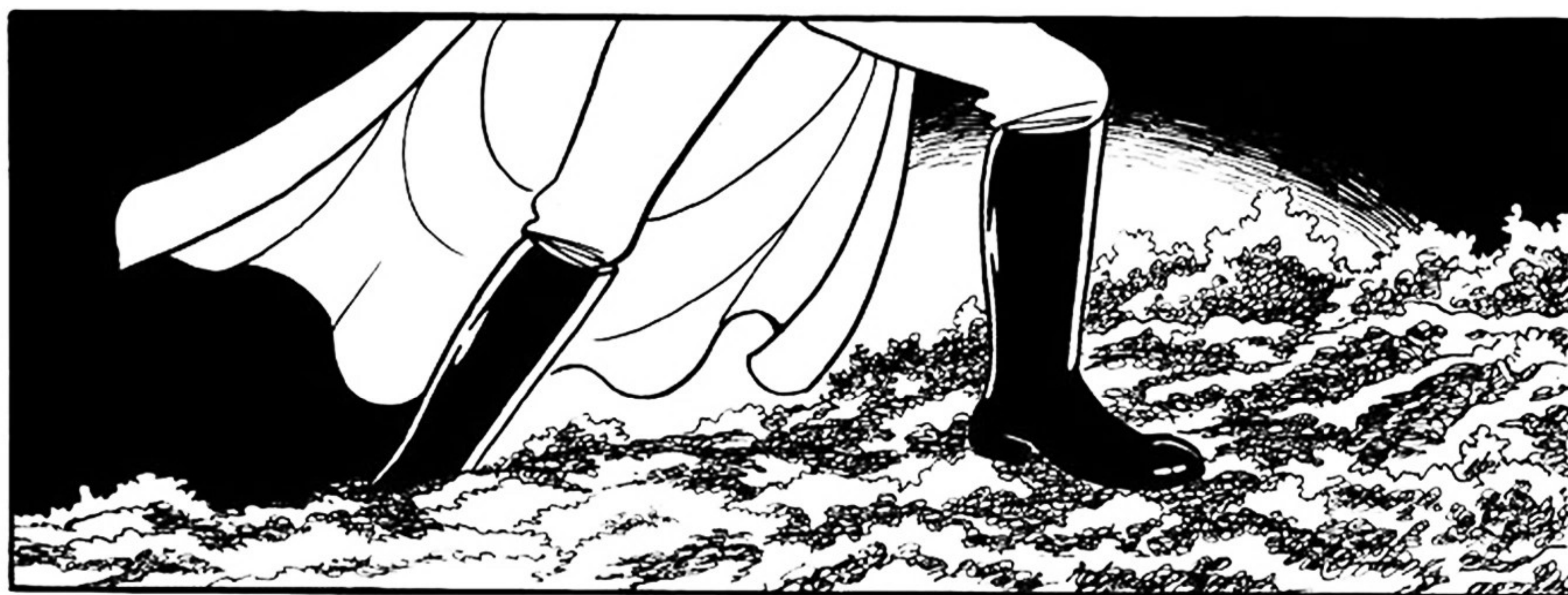

OH! UM.. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT ....


WRONG ANSWER!
YOU BETTER TELL ME

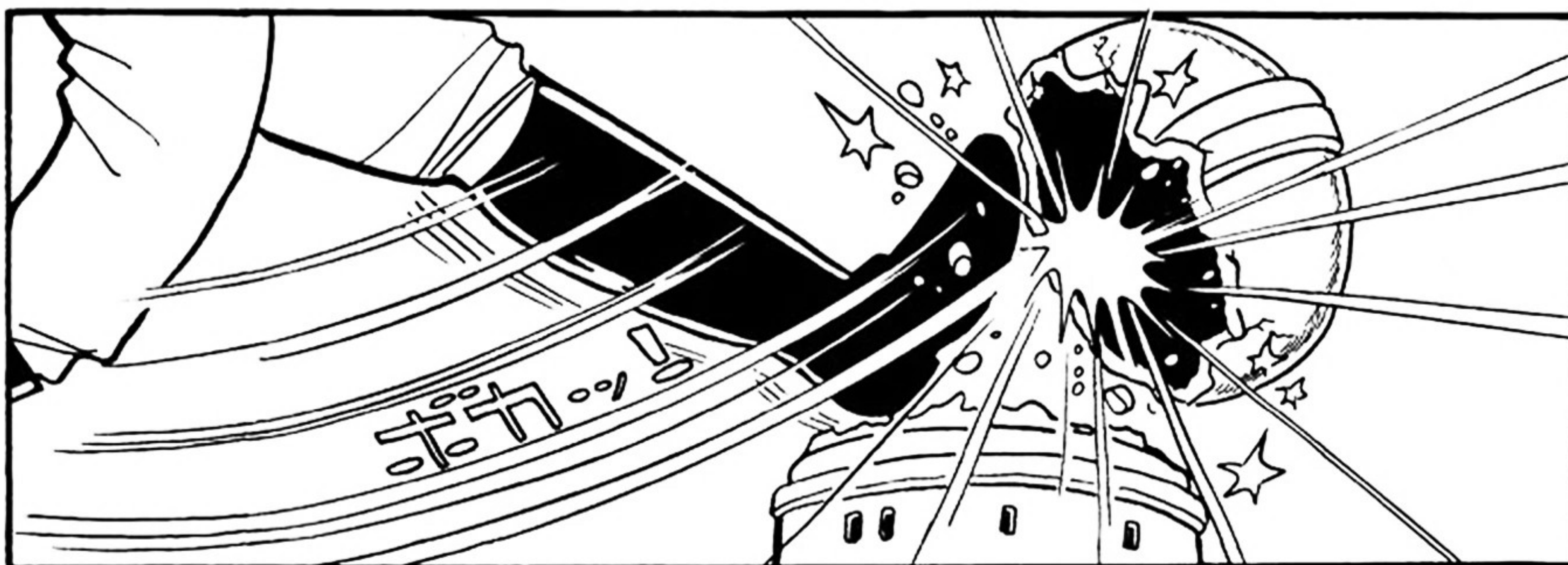

TELL ME THE LOCATION OF THE ROCKET YOU SECRETLY BUILT IN ORDER TO ESCAPE FROM THE EARTH


ALL RIGHT
FINE! FINE! I-I-IT'S UNDER THE OBSERVATORY!

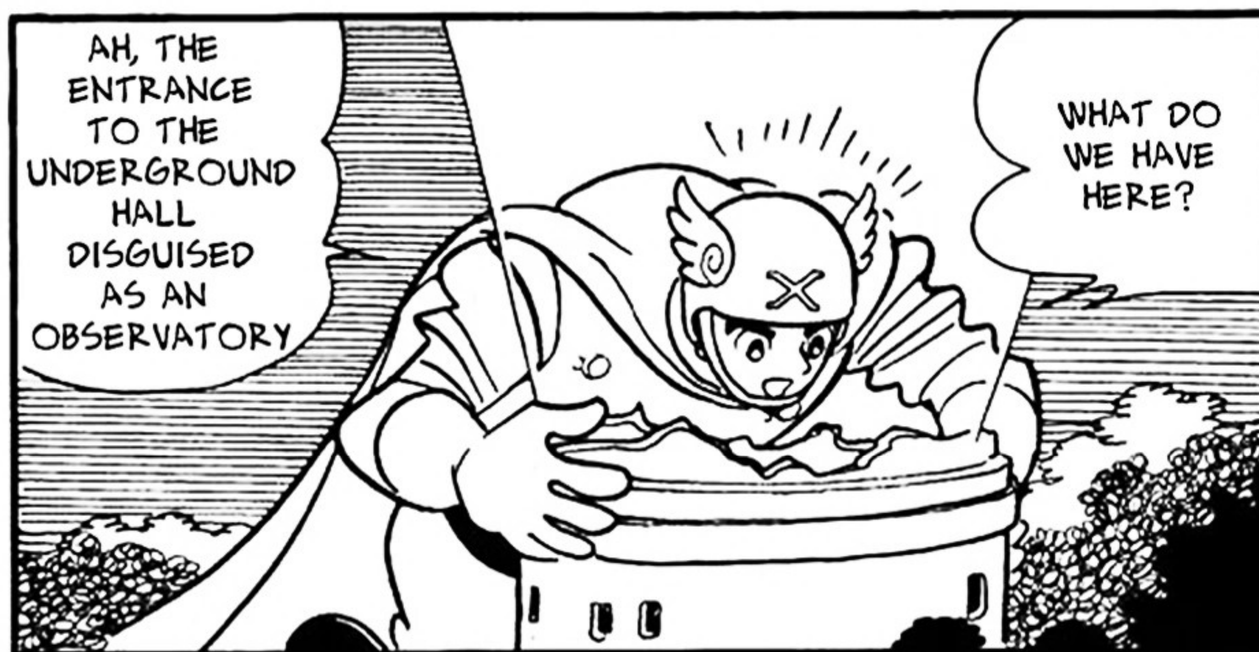

THERE'S THE OBSERVATORY




THIS IS IT? ARE THERE ANY PEOPLE IN IT?
NO... THERE'S NO ONE IN THERE

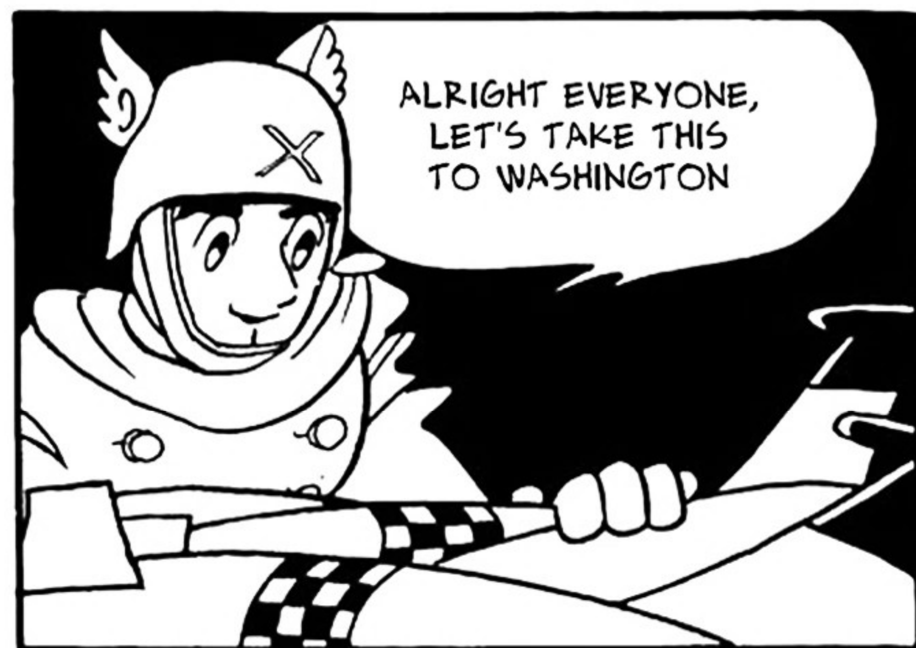

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OH, HERE'S SOMETHING BIG...


AH, THE ENTRANCE TO THE UNDERGROUND HALL DISGUISED AS AN OBSERVATORY
WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?


SEEMS LIKE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR RADISHES


IT'S NOT A DAIKON .... MUST BE A ROCKET

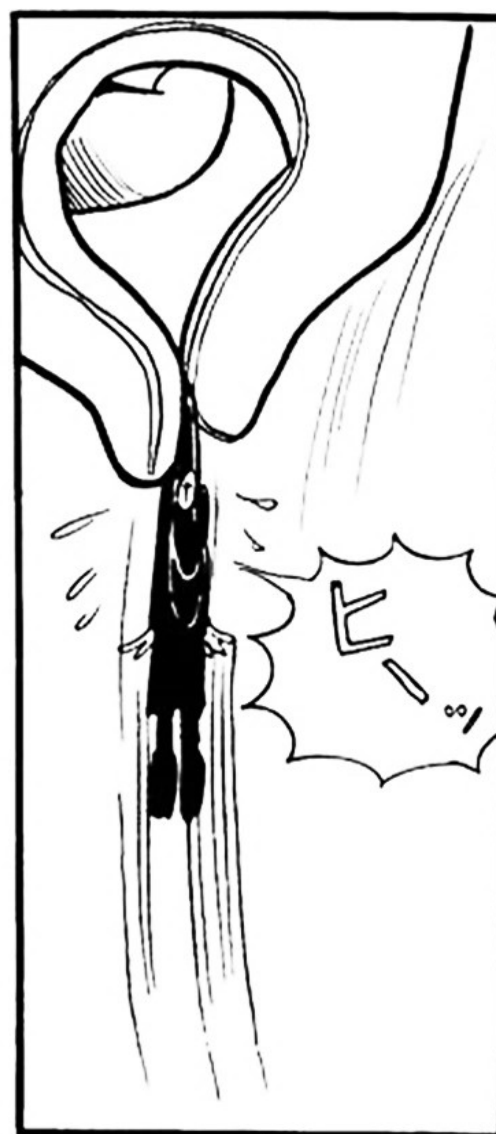

ALRIGHT EVERYONE, LET'S TAKE THIS TO WASHINGTON

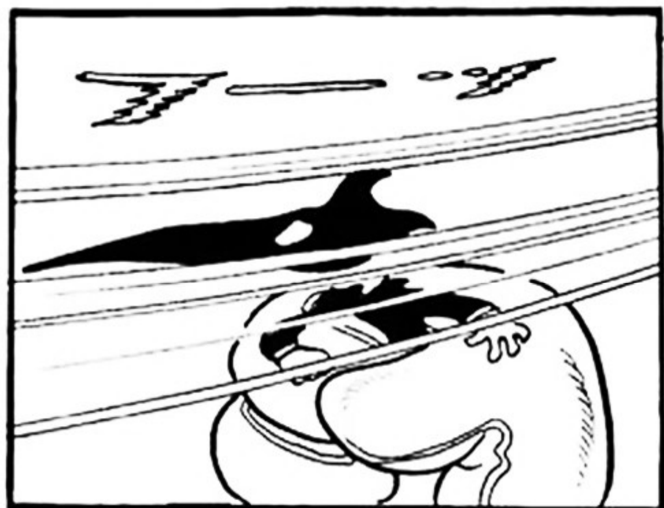

THE LAST ONE







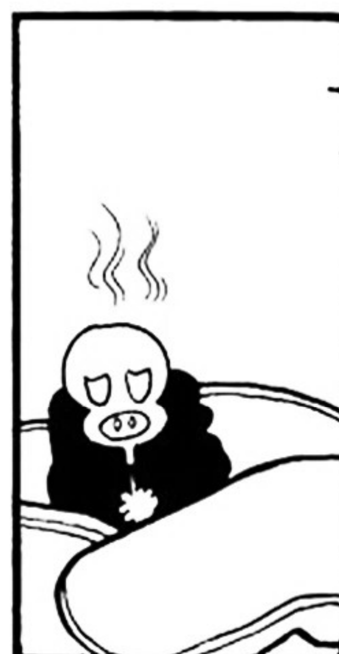




BEFORE YOU GET THROWN IN JAIL.... I'D LIKE TO SEE THE FACE OF THE MAN WHO CONCOCTED SUCH A VAST CONSPIRACY.

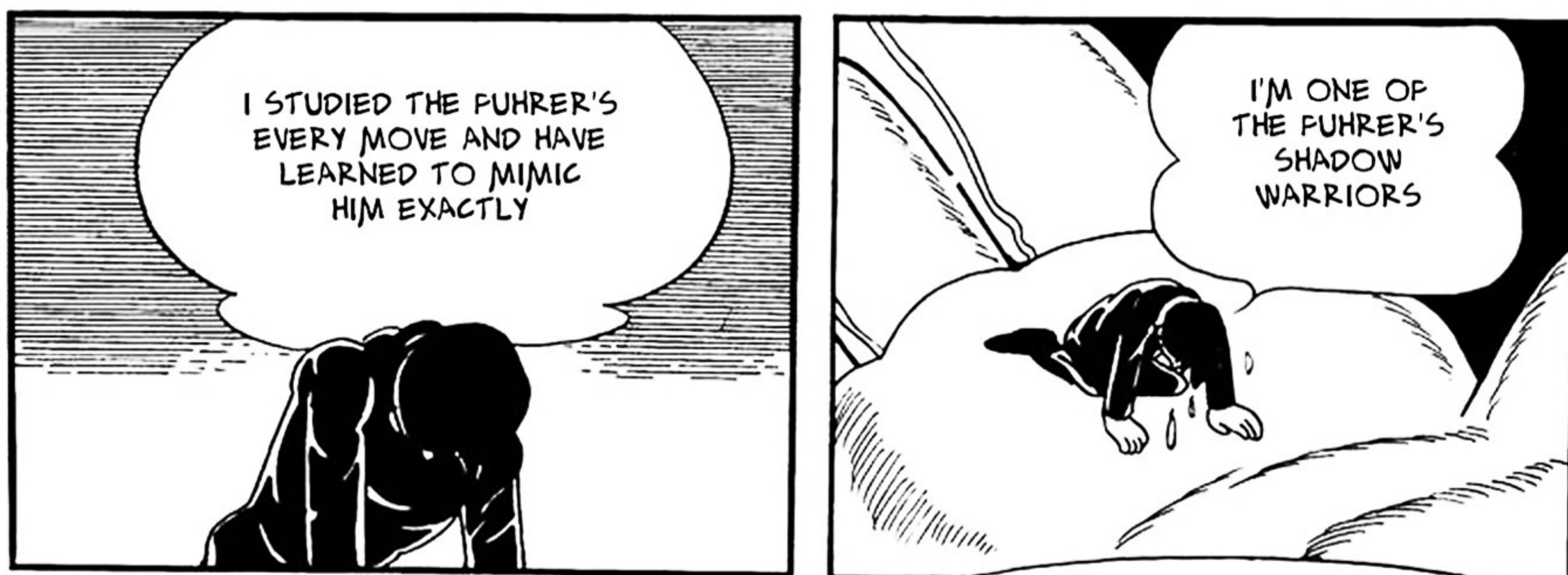




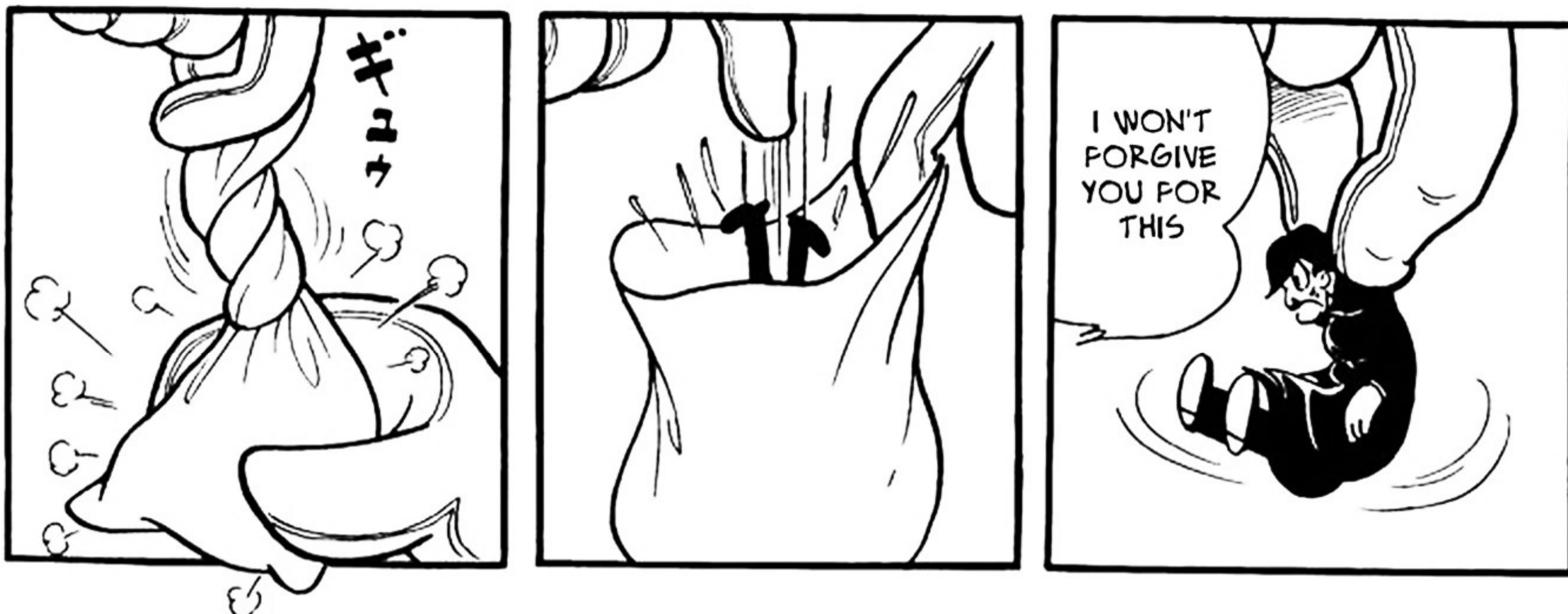





ARE YOU REALLY HITLER? WHO WAS SAID TO HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE IN NAZI GERMAN?
NO! ... NO
YOU... YOU'RE HITLER!


I'M ONE OF THE FUHRER'S SHADOW WARRIORS
I STUDIED THE FUHRER'S EVERY MOVE AND HAVE LEARNED TO MIMIC HIM EXACTLY


AND AFTER THE FUHRER WAS GONE, I USED THIS FACE TO TRICK FORMER NAZIS INTO JOINING THE CROSS PARTY
YOU SON OF A BITCH
BUT I'M NOT THE REAL HITLER, YOU UNDERSTAND?

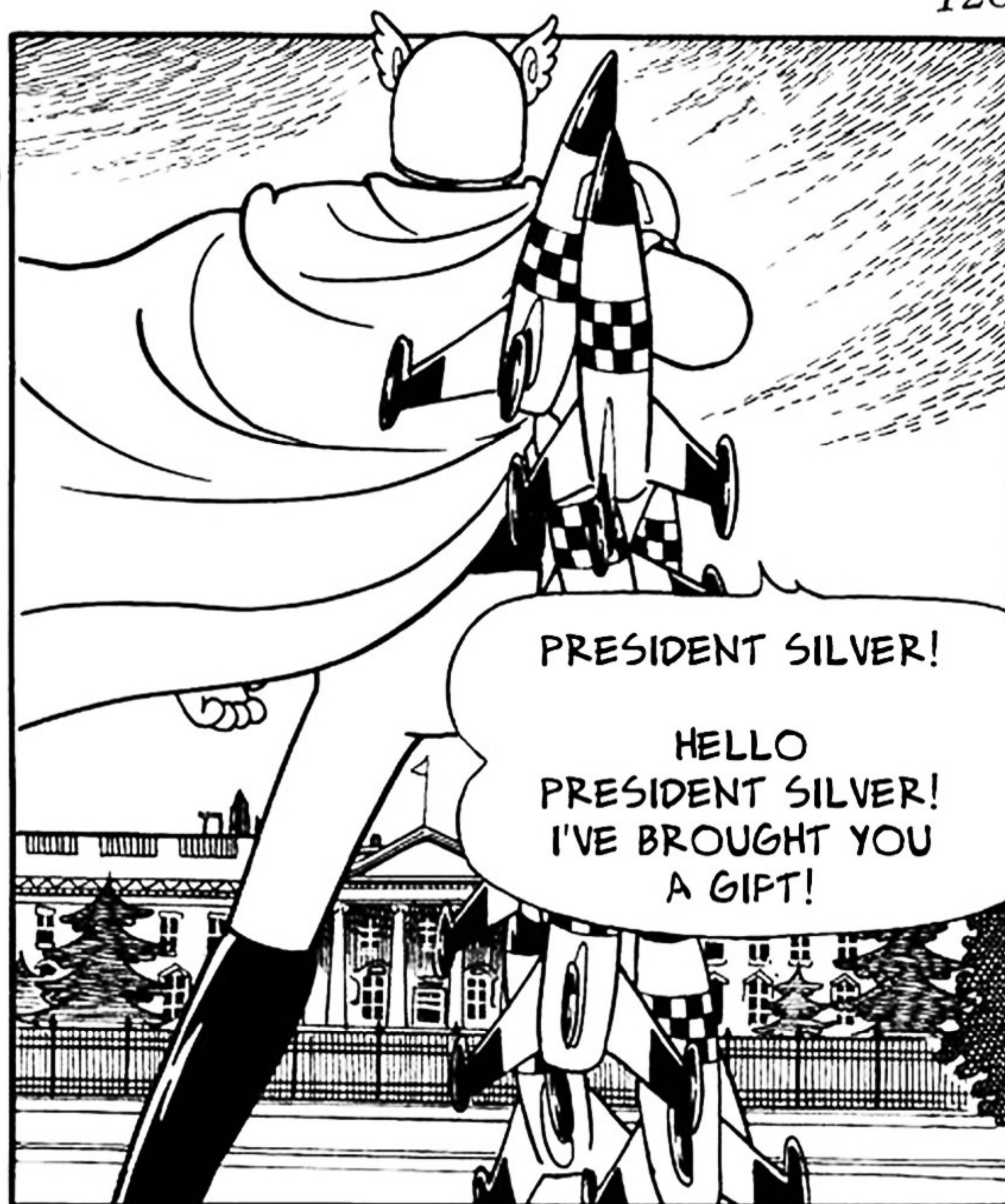

I WON'T FORGIVE YOU FOR THIS
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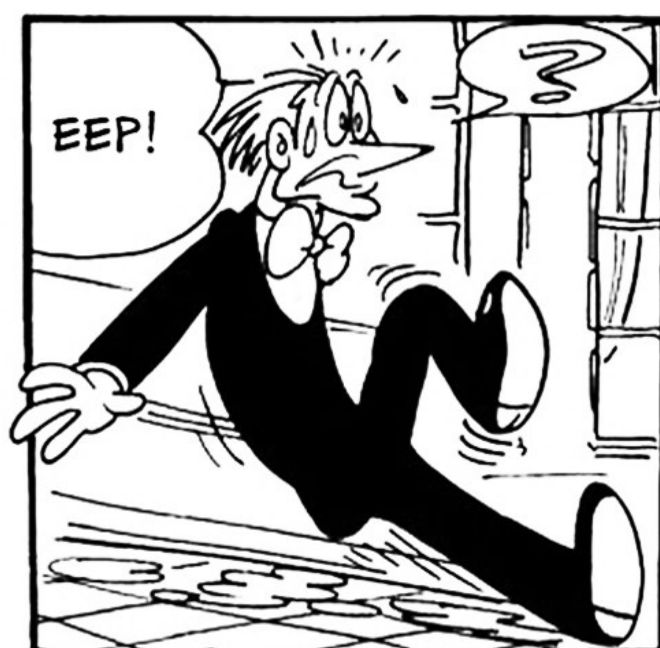

ALL RIGHT THEN...
LET'S GO TO
WASHINGTON

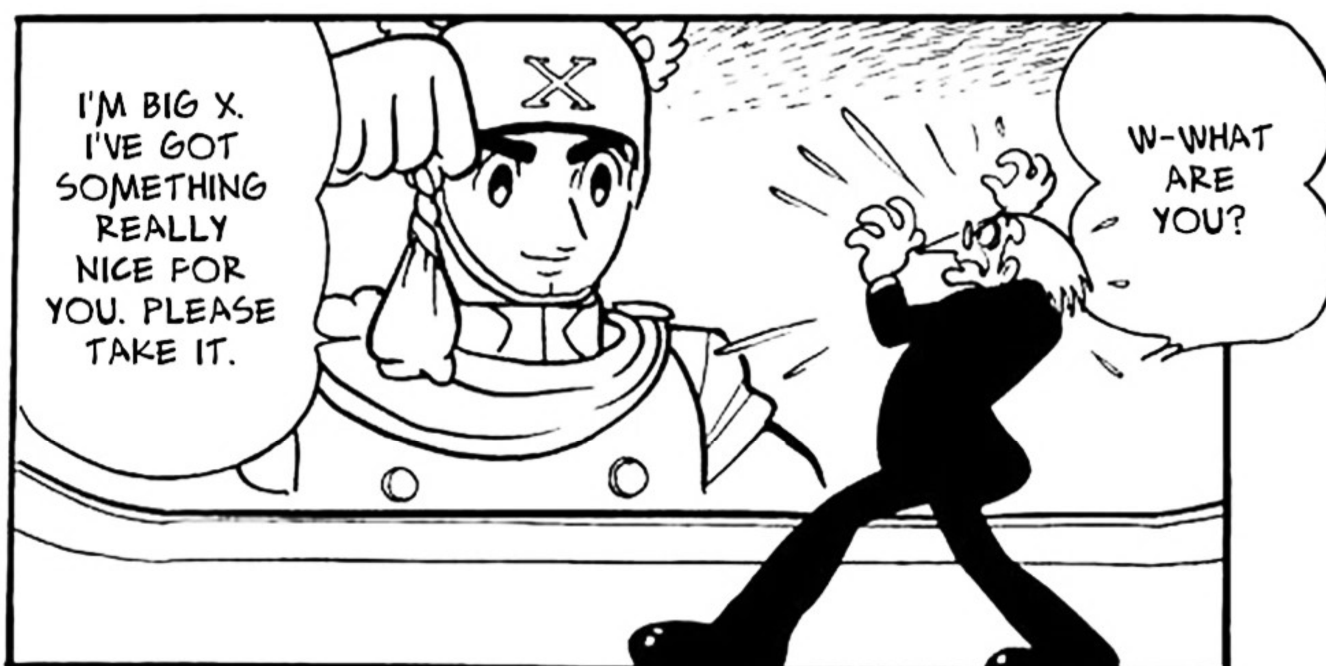

THE GIANT IS SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT GOING TO THE WHITE HOUSE.... AND WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO THERE?


HE'S A GIANT, LIKE GULLIVER, DRAGGING FORTY ROCKETS, AND HE'S BROUGHT TRAFFIC TO A COMPLETE STANDSTILL ON WASHINGTON'S MAIN STREETS.


PRESIDENT SILVER! COME ON OUT!

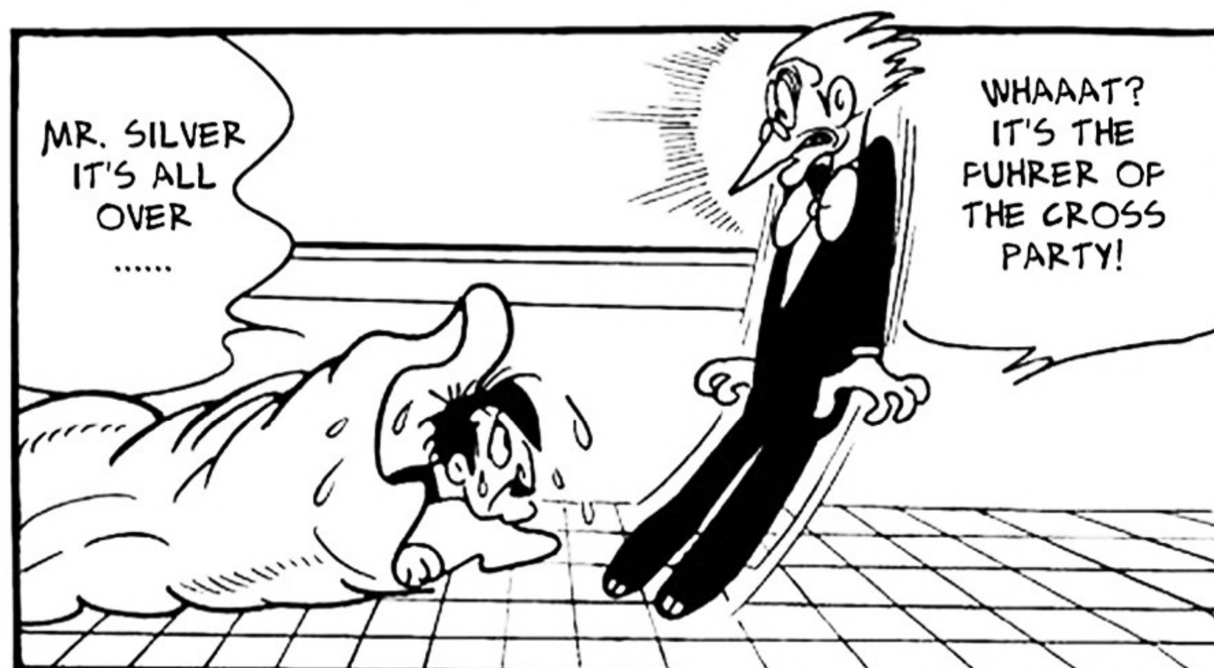

PRESIDENT SILVER!
HELLO PRESIDENT SILVER! I'VE BROUGHT YOU A GIFT!


EEP!
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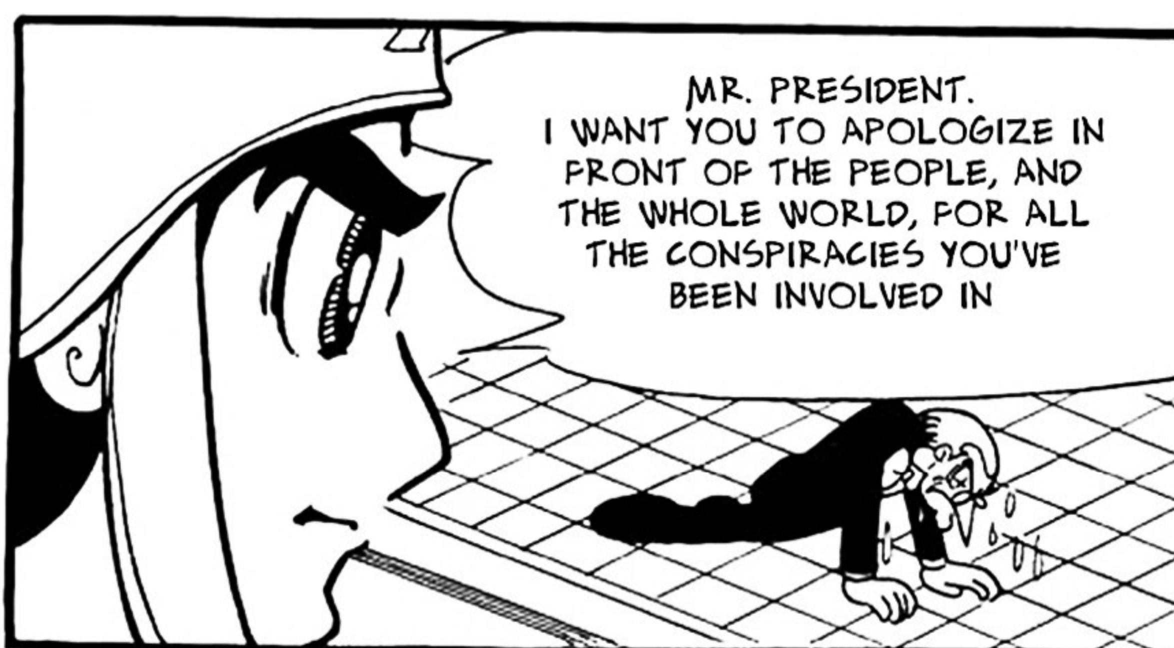

W-WHAT ARE YOU?
I'M BIG X. I'VE GOT SOMETHING REALLY NICE FOR YOU. PLEASE TAKE IT.

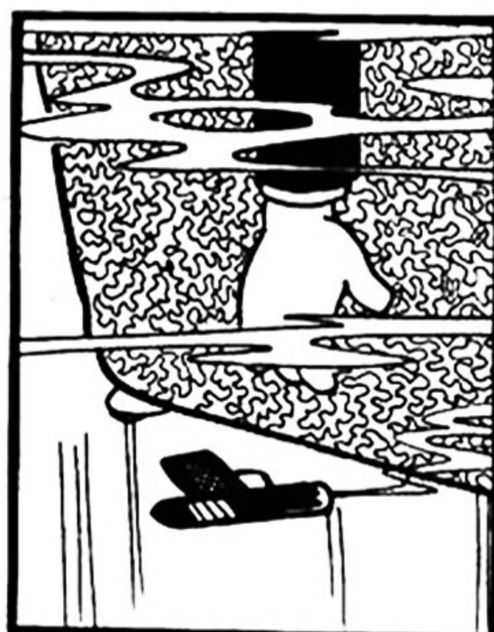

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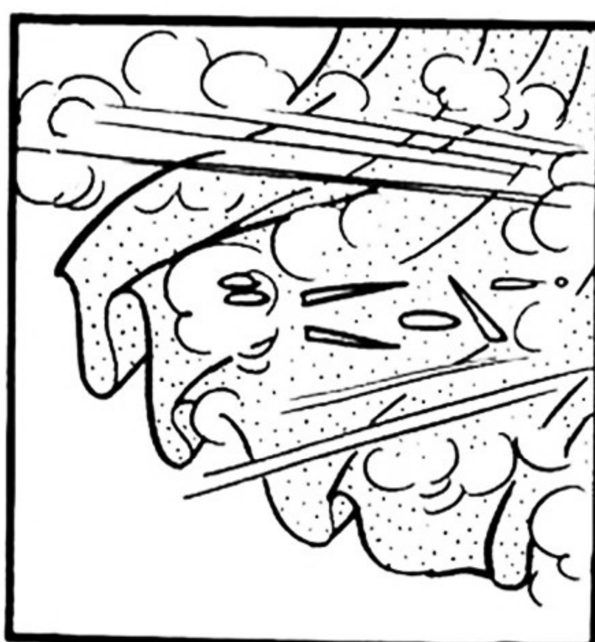

GO AHEAD AND OPEN IT


WHAAAT? IT'S THE FUHRER OF THE CROSS PARTY!
MR. SILVER IT'S ALL OVER ......




MR. PRESIDENT.
I WANT YOU TO APOLOGIZE IN FRONT OF THE PEOPLE, AND THE WHOLE WORLD, FOR ALL THE CONSPIRACIES YOU'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN

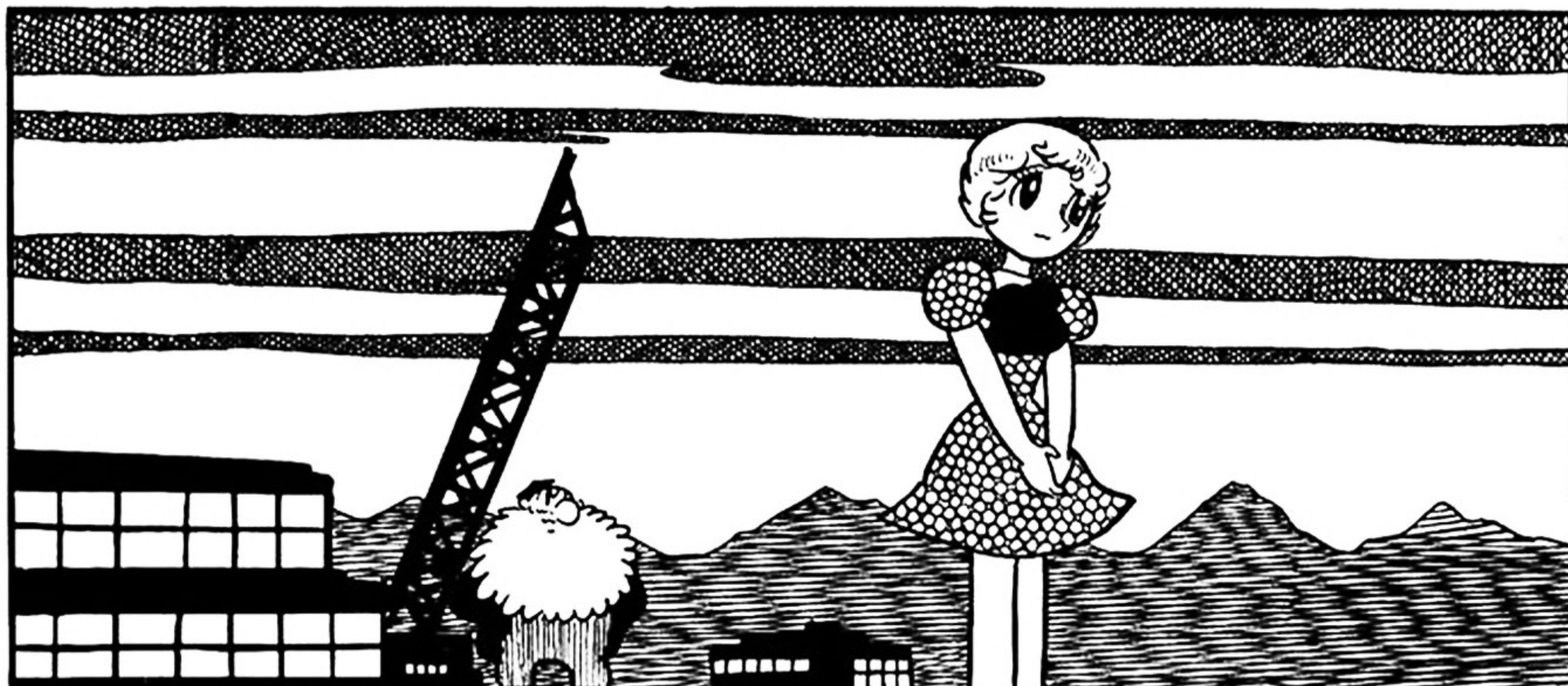


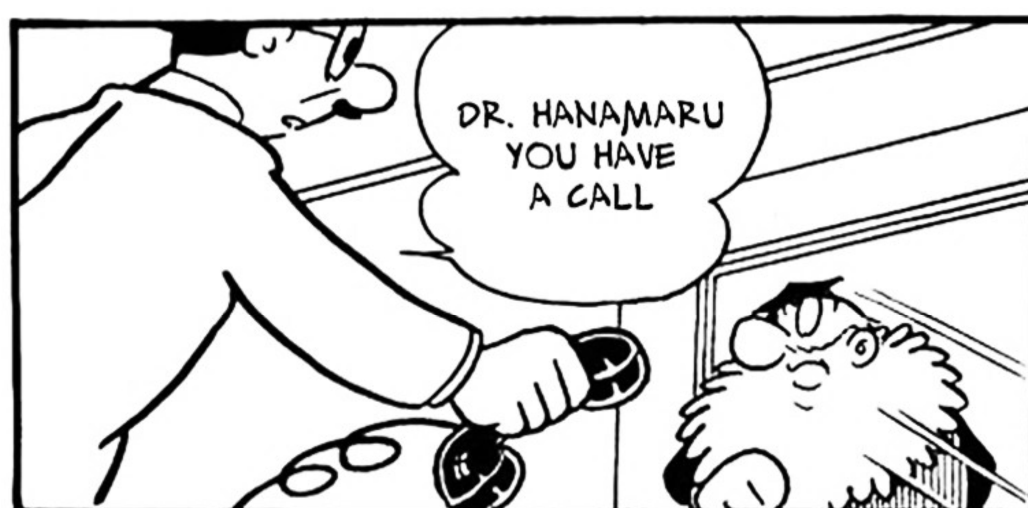










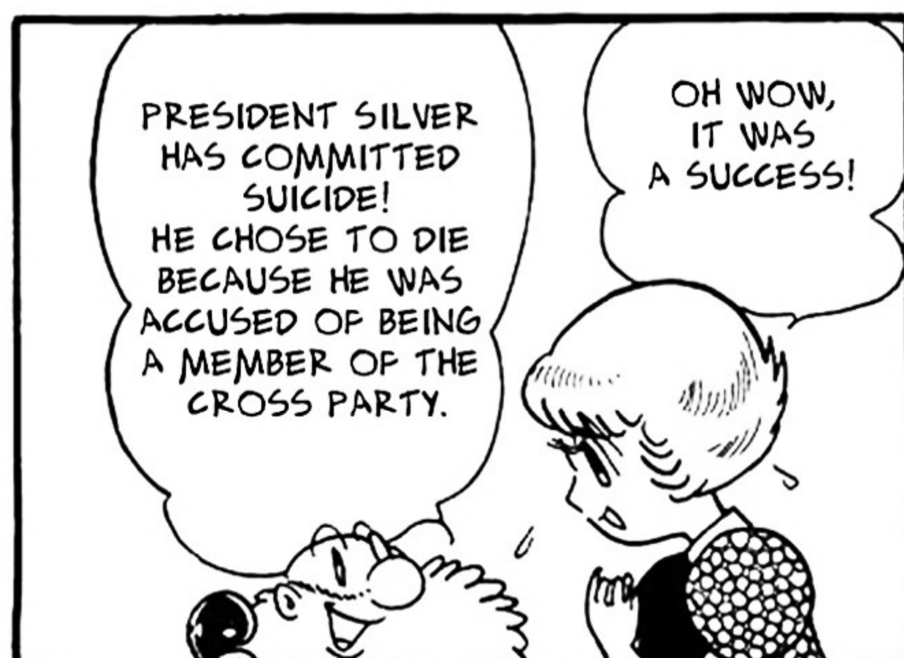

DR. HANAMARU YOU HAVE A CALL

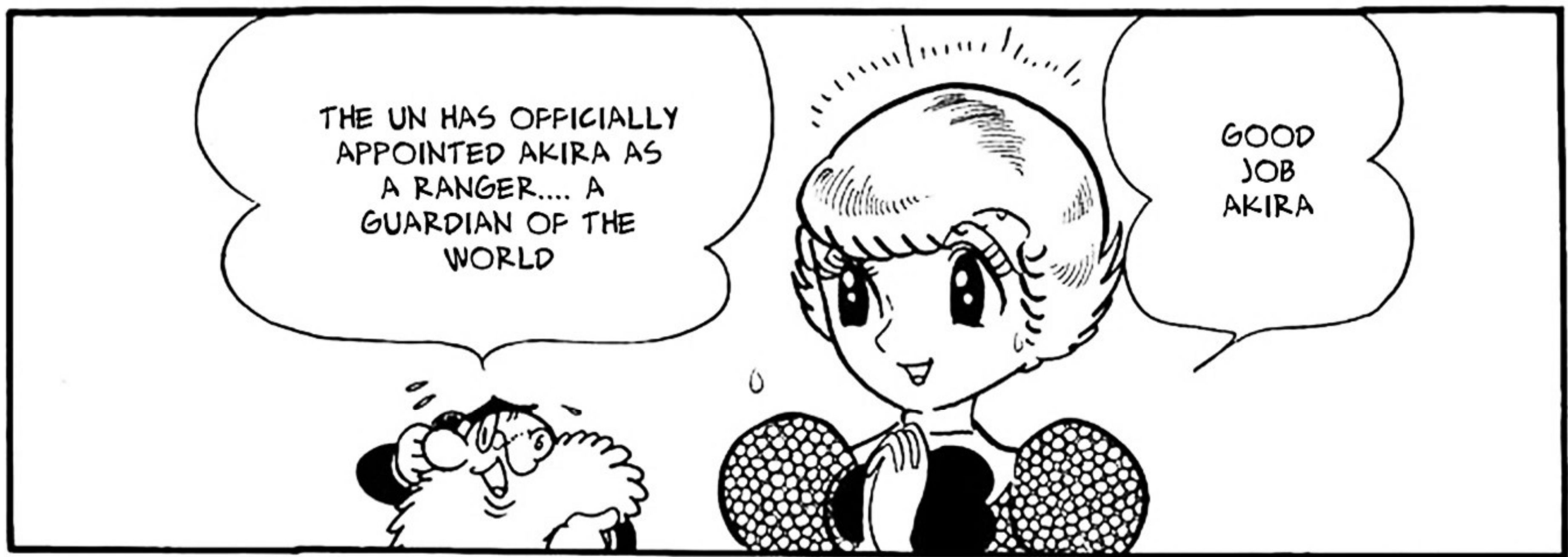

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AKIRA?
YOU'VE TURNED THE CROSS PARTY OVER TO THE UN POLICE?


HELLO? OH IT'S YOU AKIRA!
I HEARD YOU ARE IN WASHINGTON?


NINA!
AKIRA USED THE POWER OF BIG X TO PREVENT THE WAR FROM STARTING AND TO SAVE THE EARTH!


OH WOW, IT WAS A SUCCESS!
PRESIDENT SILVER HAS COMMITTED SUICIDE!
HE CHOSE TO DIE BECAUSE HE WAS ACCUSED OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE CROSS PARTY.



NINA, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL MORNING AND A PEACEFUL ONE AT THAT

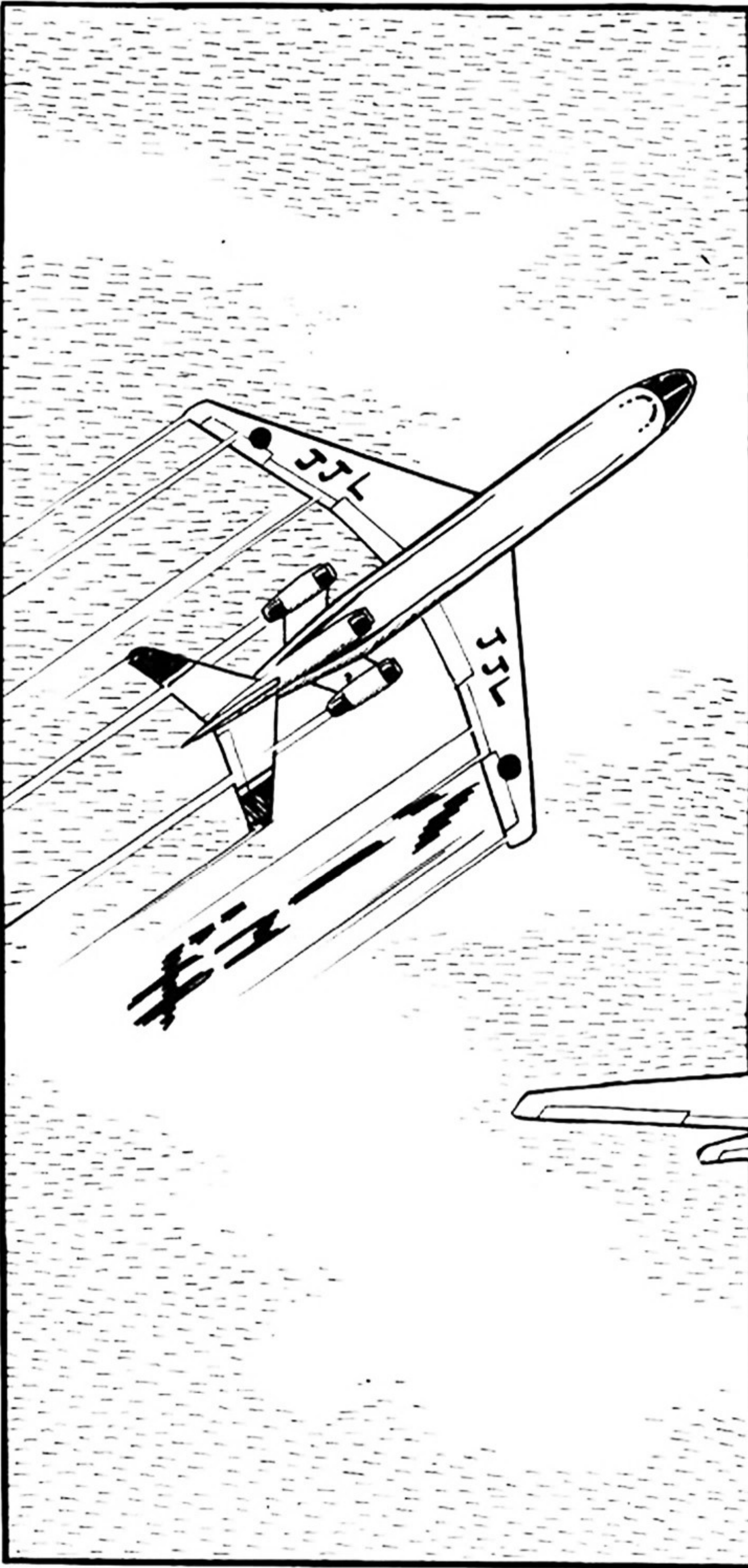
IT'S BECAUSE AKIRA PUT EVERYTHING HE HAS INTO BEING BIG X

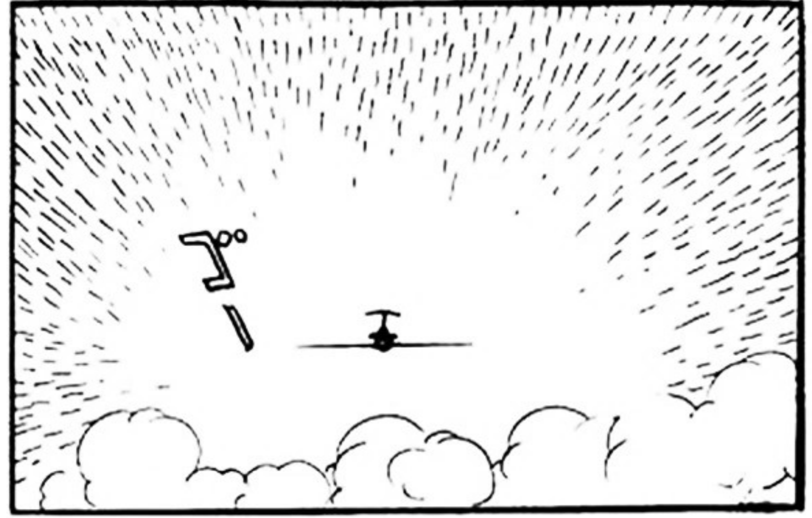
APPOINTED AS A
RANGER FOR THE
UNITED NATIONS
ORGANIZATION,
BIG X... OR
AKIRA ASAGUMO...
HAS A WHOLE
NEW MISSION
AHEAD OF HIM

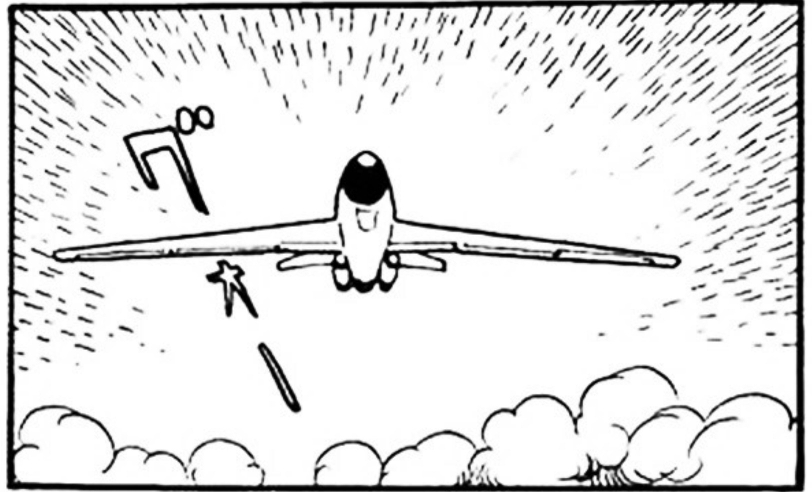


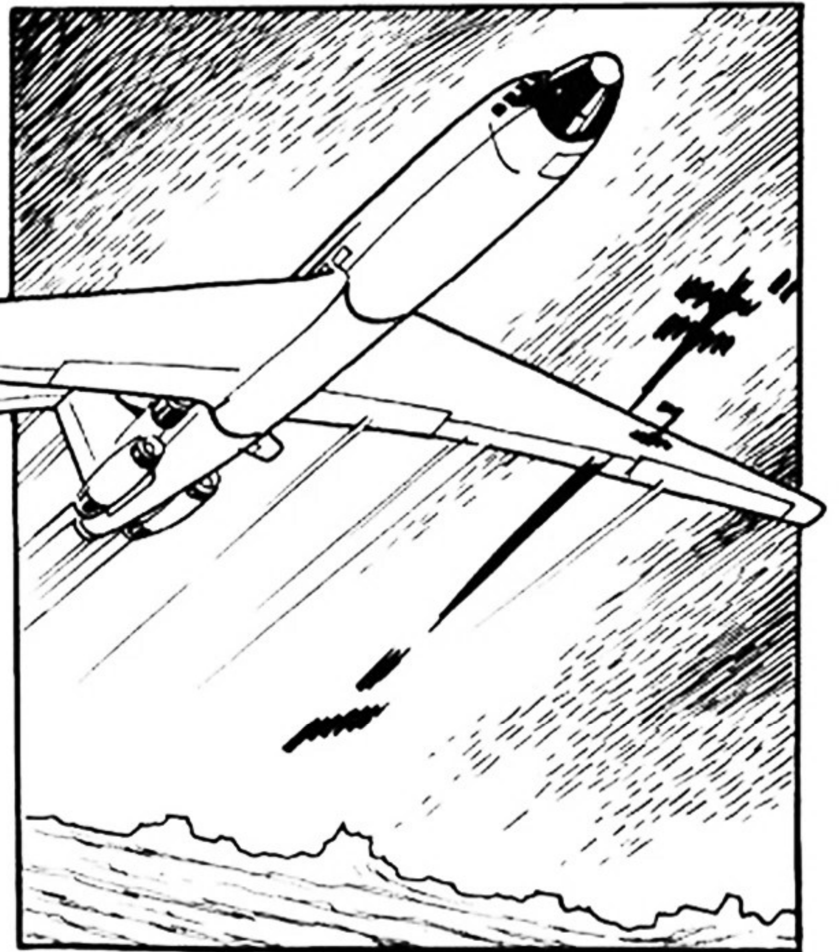
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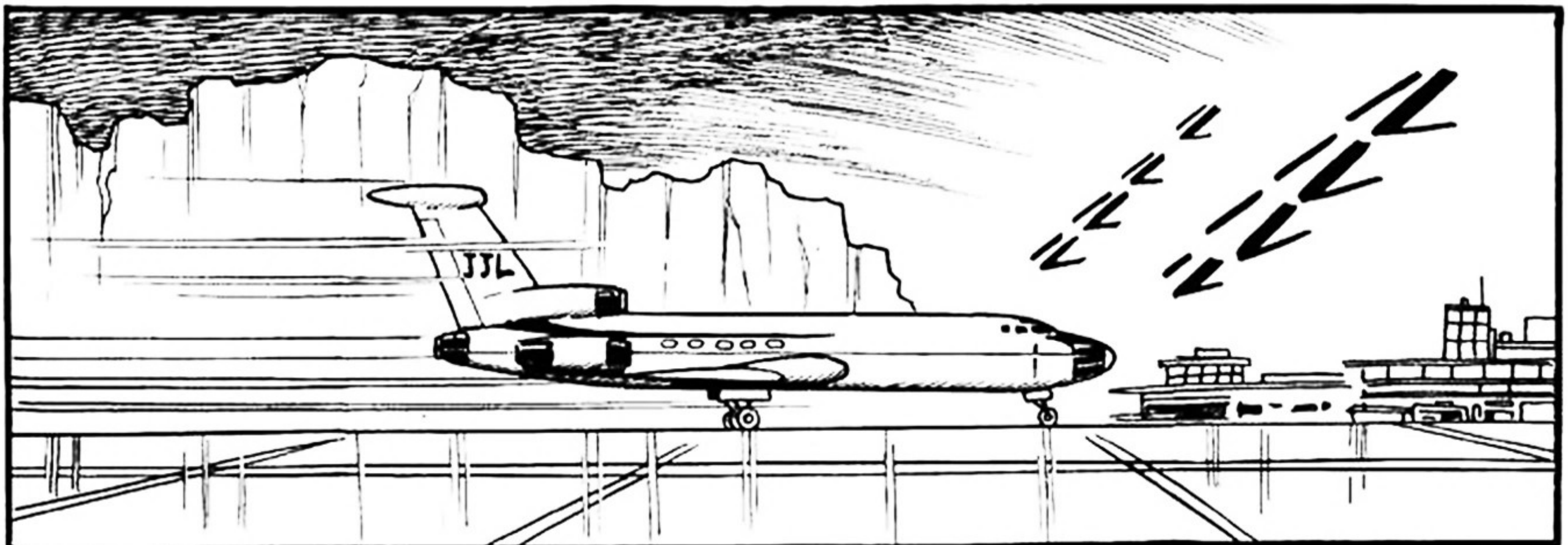
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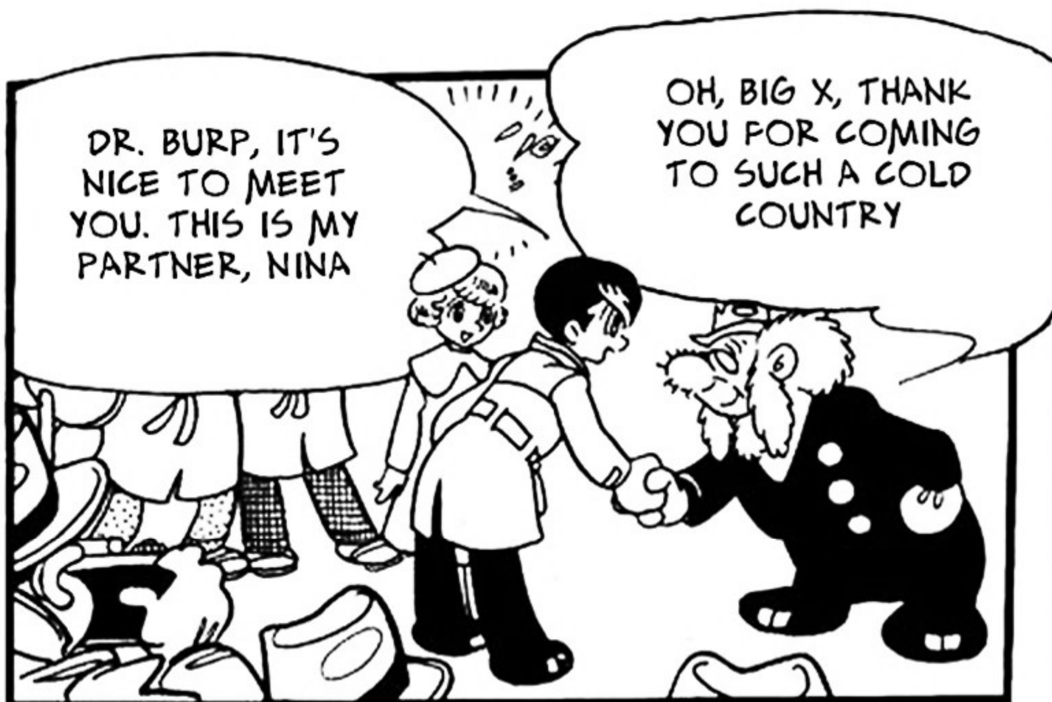
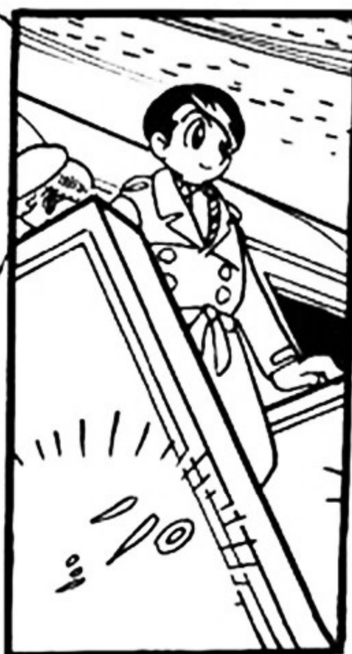

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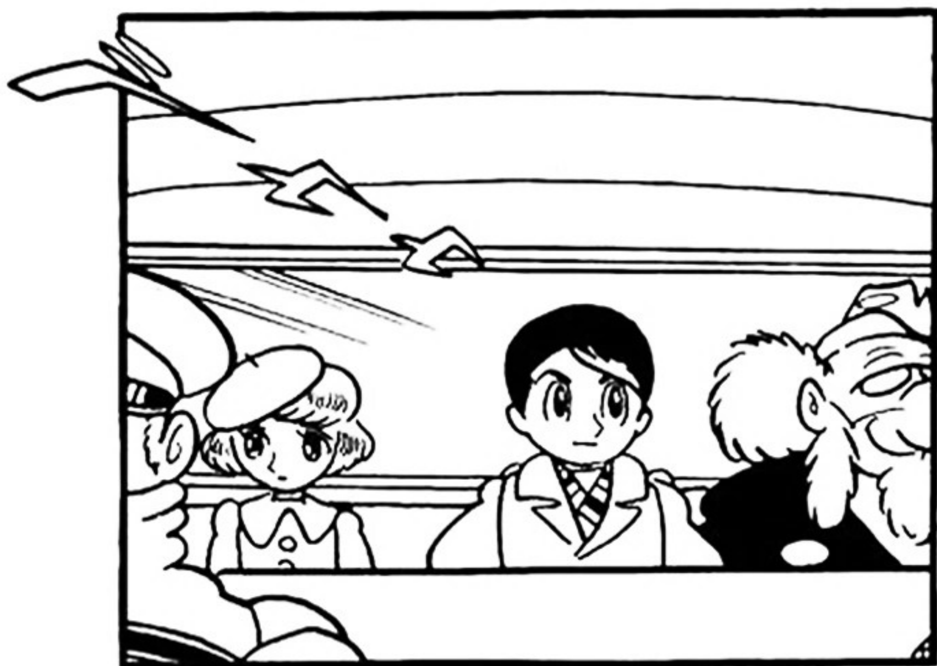

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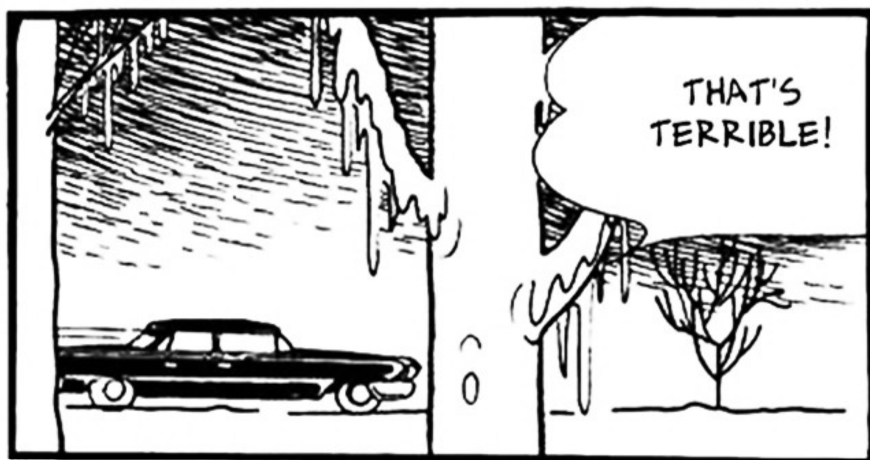
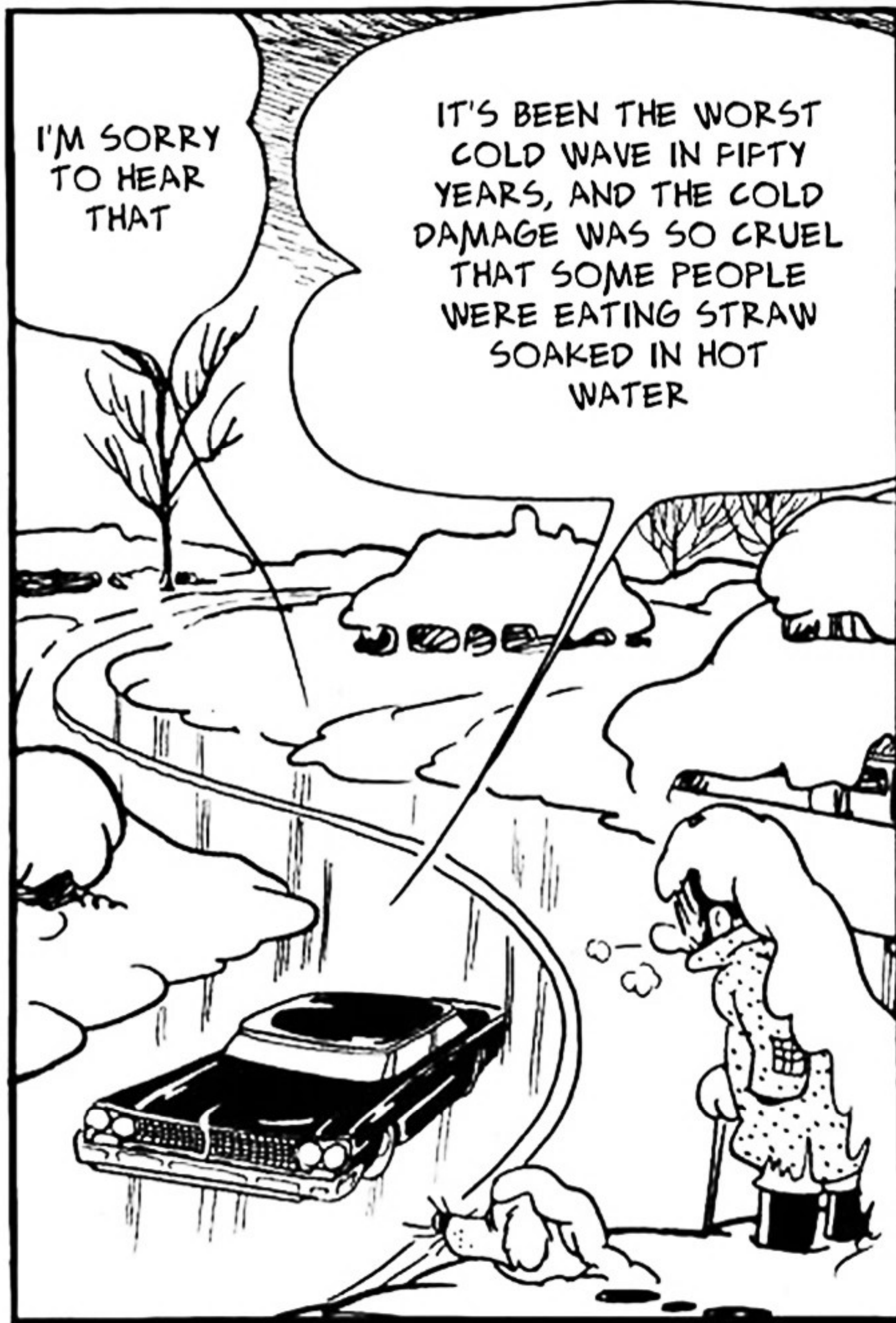

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DR. BURP, IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU. THIS IS MY PARTNER, NINA
OH, BIG X, THANK YOU FOR COMING TO SUCH A COLD COUNTRY




PLEASE COME ALONG IN THE CAR

I ASKED THE U.N. IF WE COULD BORROW YOU'RE BIG X TRICK

THAT'S TERRIBLE!

IT'S BEEN THE WORST COLD WAVE IN FIFTY YEARS, AND THE COLD DAMAGE WAS SO CRUEL THAT SOME PEOPLE WERE EATING STRAW SOAKED IN HOT WATER
I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT

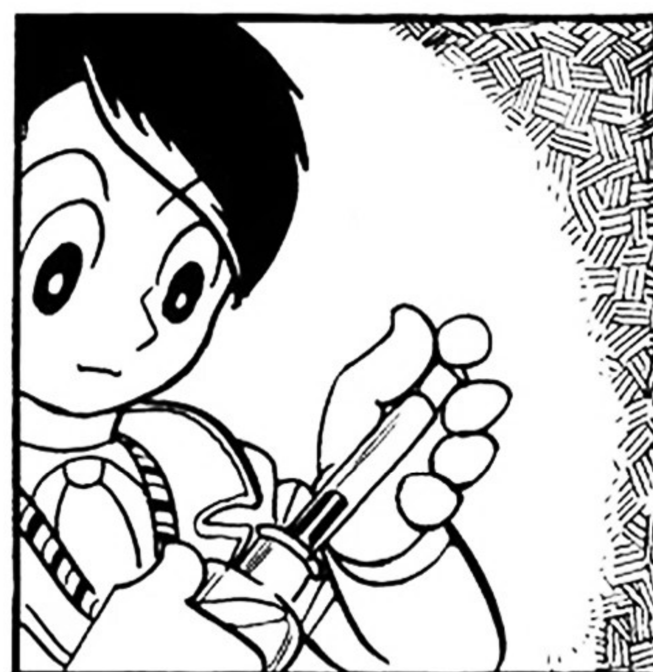
THIS IS THE AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY EXPERIMENT STATION.



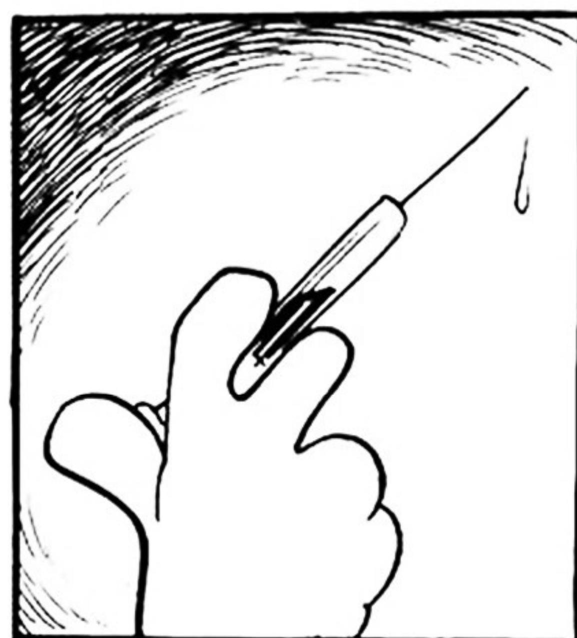
NINA, HAND ME THE BIG X BOTTLE
YES

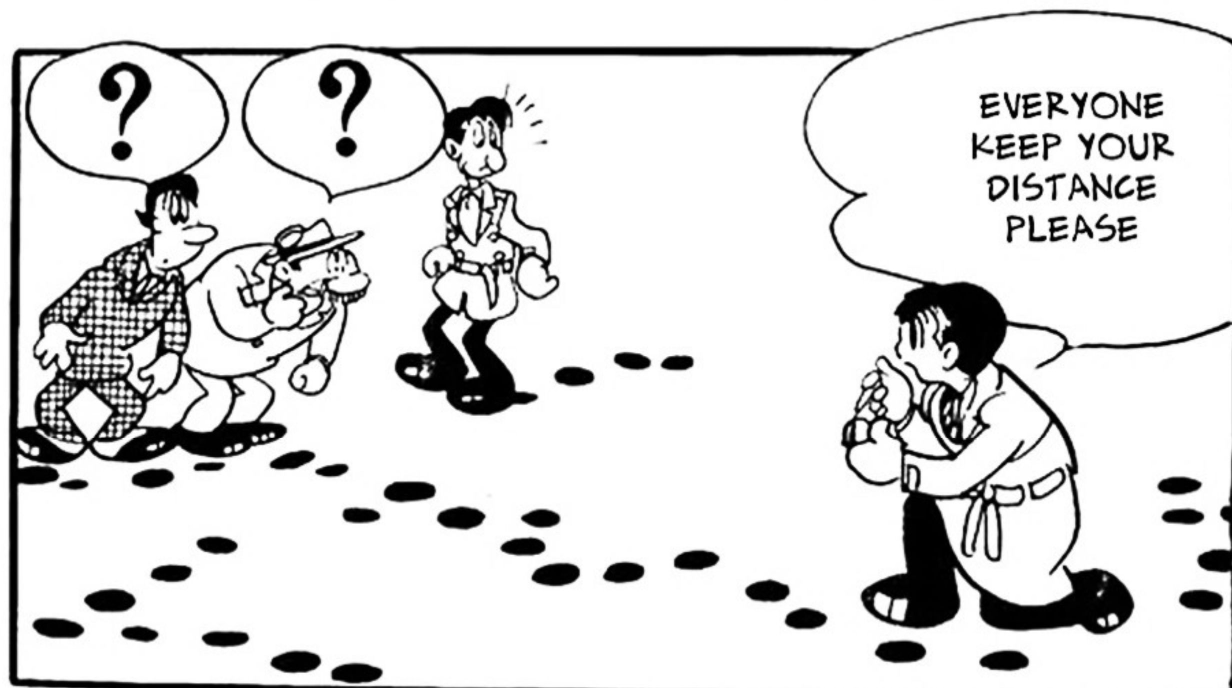

LOOK AT THESE POTATOES
THEY LOOK LIKE ROCKS!


OKAY, PLEASE PUT TEN POTATOES OUTSIDE
?
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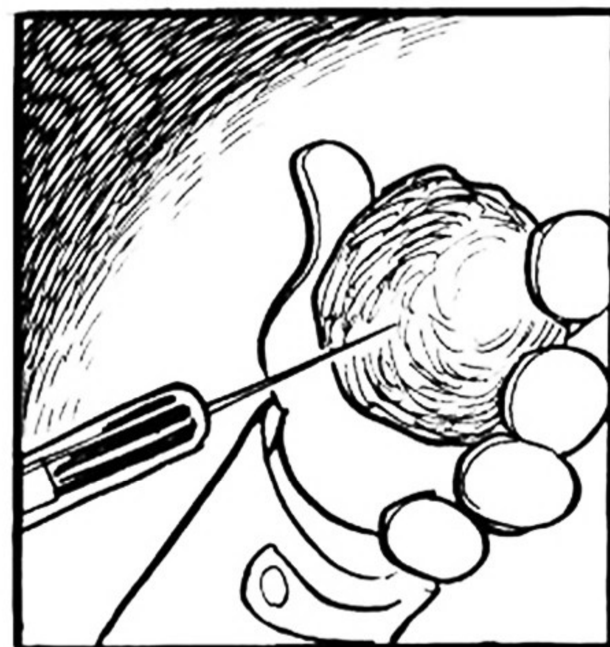


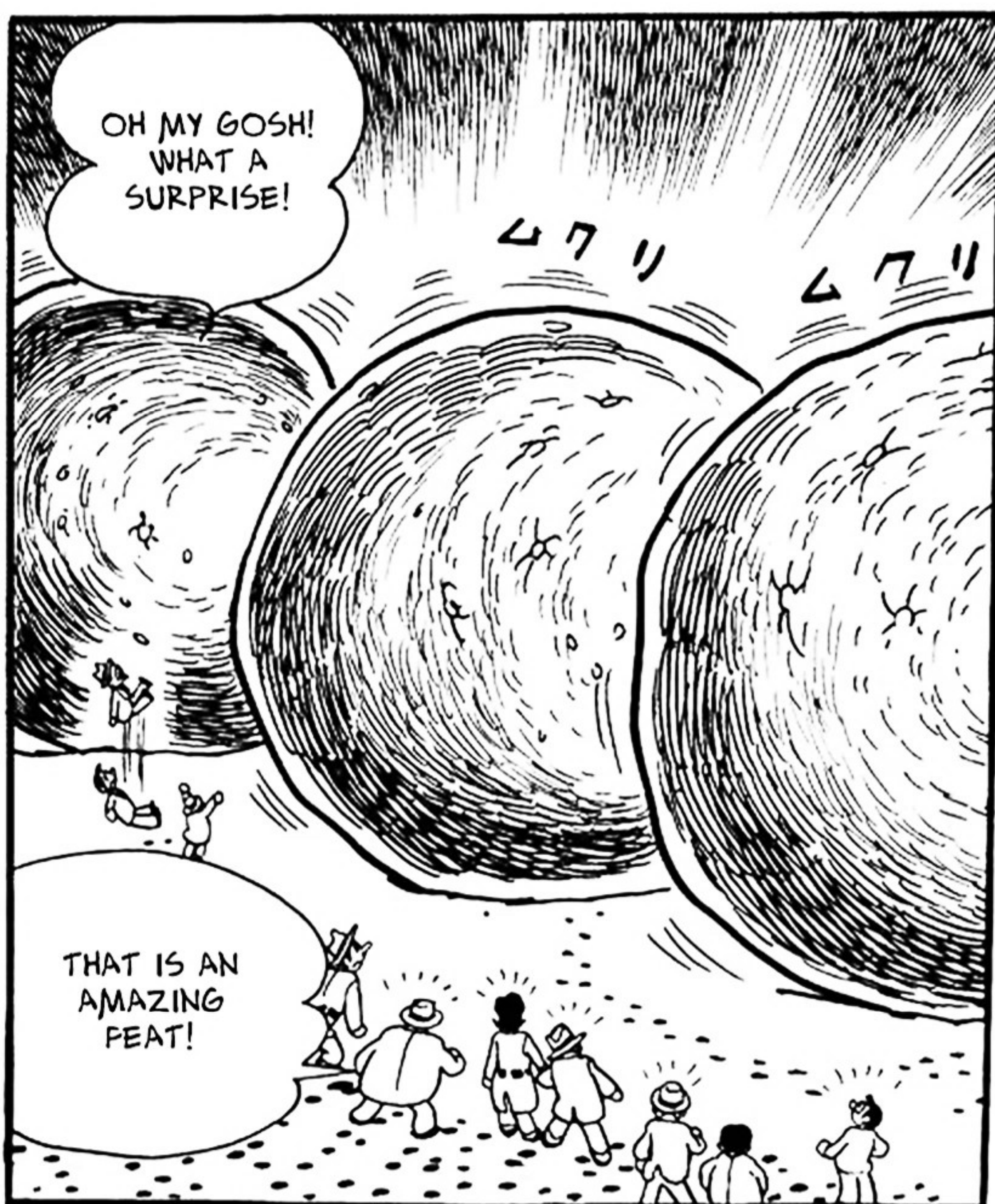

THAT'S RIGHT... A LITTLE BIT WIDER... TEN METERS APART IS GOOD

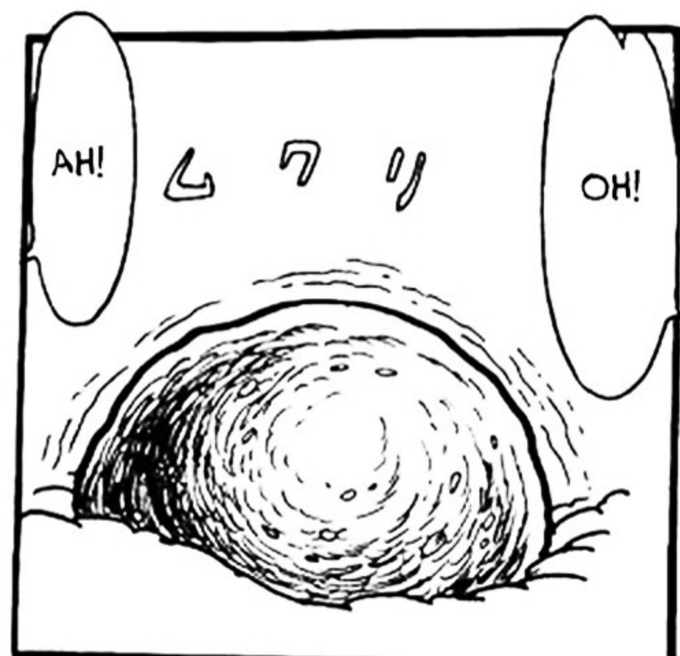


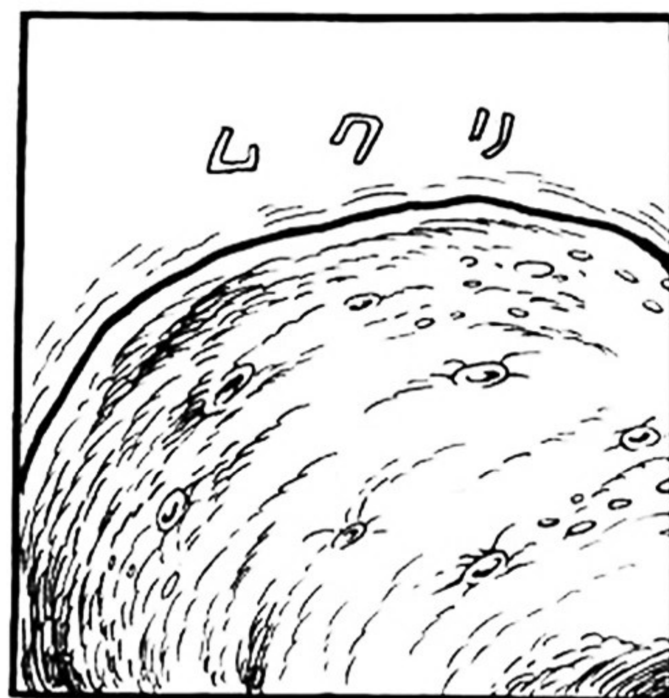

EVERYONE KEEP YOUR DISTANCE PLEASE
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THAT'S IT, YOU CAN SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING




OH MY GOSH! WHAT A SURPRISE!
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THAT IS AN AMAZING FEAT!


OH!
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AH!

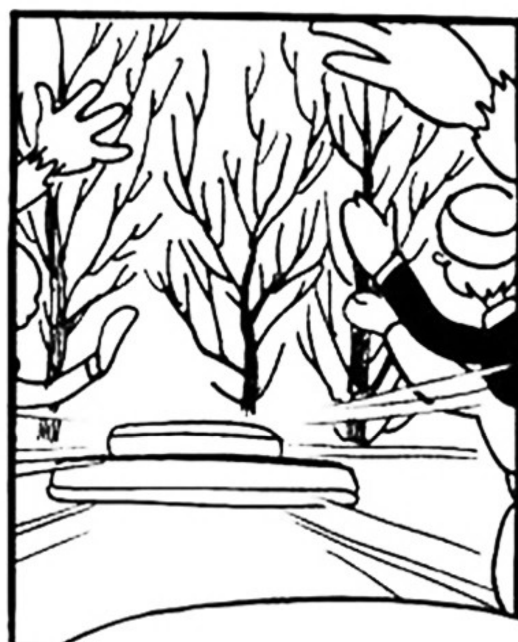

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THESE POTATOES ARE TEN METERS ACROSS. THEY SHOULD LAST ALL WINTER, RIGHT?
THERE'S ENOUGH TO GO AROUND TO EVERYONE IN THE REGION!




ROLL THEM BACK TO THE VILLAGE
THANK YOU! THIS WILL HELP SO MUCH!
THAT'S SUCH AN AMAZING POTION. I WISH I COULD GET MY HANDS ON THAT DRUG!


I THINK WE CAN FEED TWO OR THREE MORE VILLAGES WITH THIS...

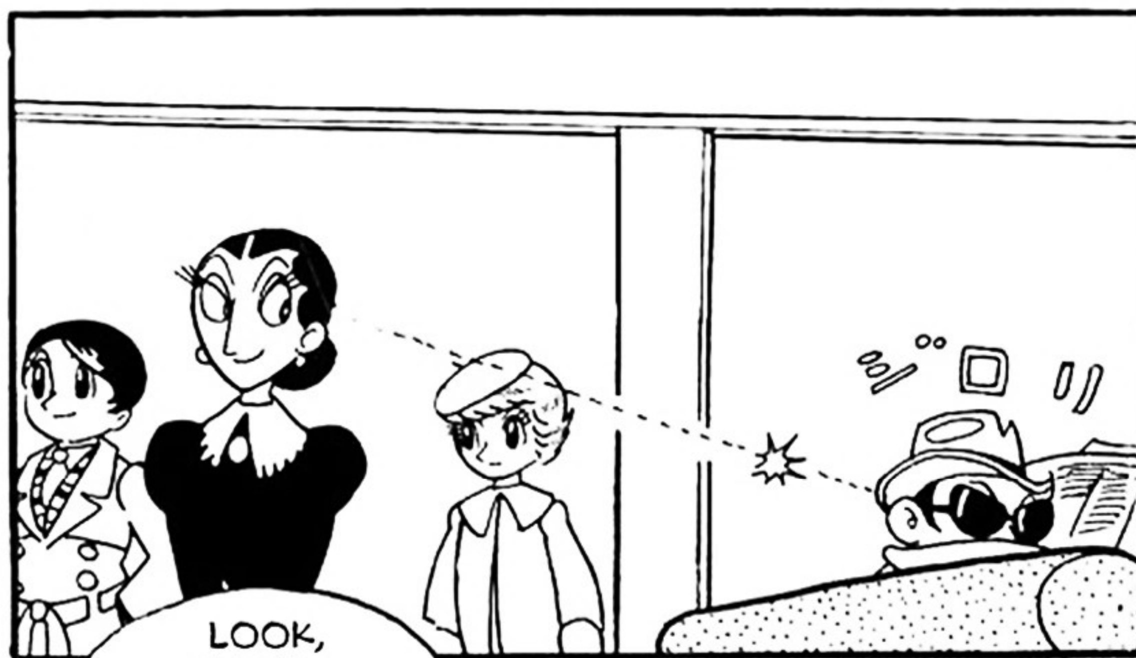



CAN YOU PLEASE MAKE THIS MEAT BIGGER TOO?
I'M SORRY, BUT BIG X DOESN'T WORK ON DEAD THINGS
IT WILL ONLY GROW LIVING CELLS


OH MAN, IT FEELS GOOD TO HELP PEOPLE
HOTEL
ホテル

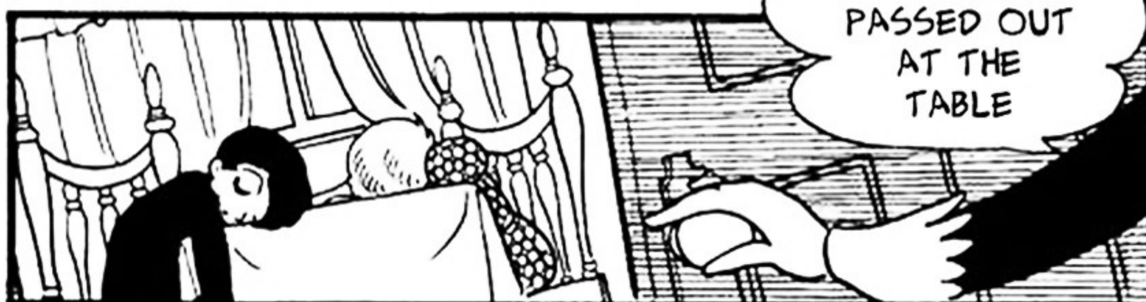

WE SHOULD TAKE A BREAK
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HOTEL

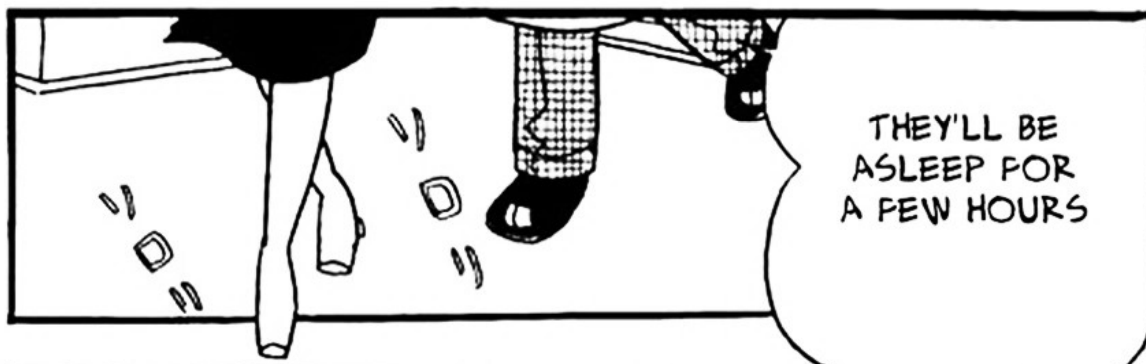

YOU MUST BE TIRED .....
THERE'S A BED FOR YOU UPSTAIRS SIR

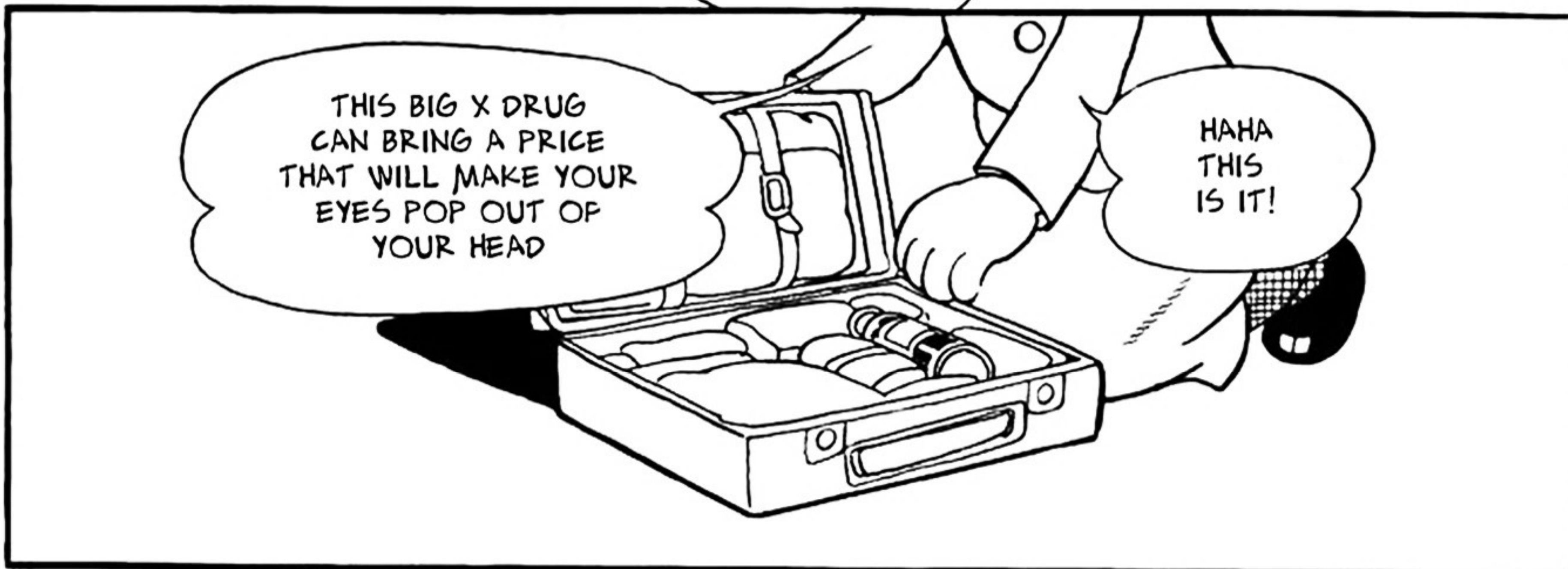

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HAVE A CUP OF TEA

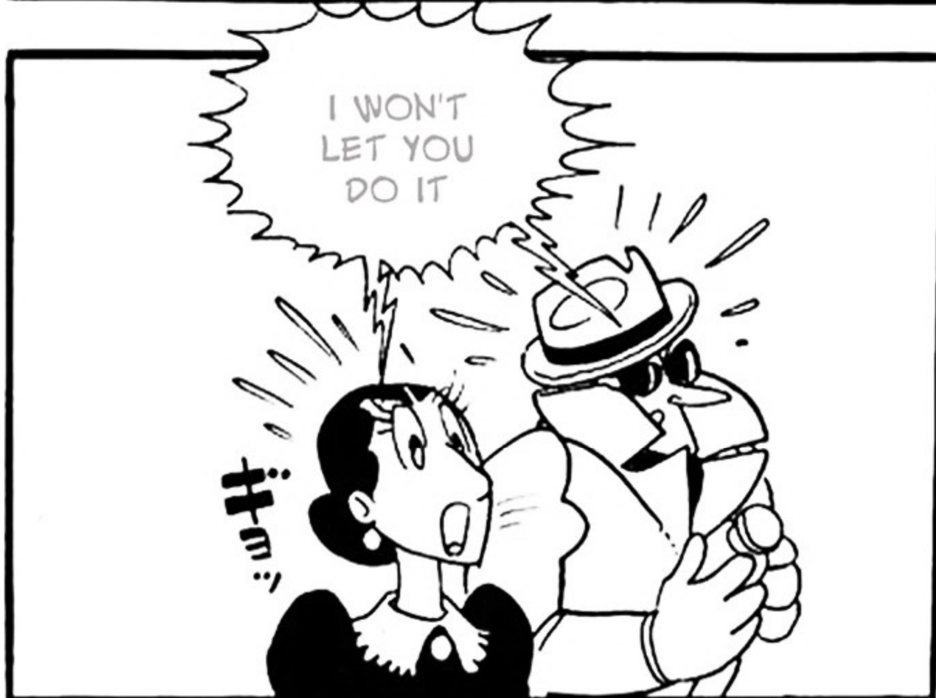

DID THEY GET THEIR DRINKS?
YES, AND THE SLEEPING PILLS SHOULD KICK IN SOON


LOOK, THEY'RE PASSED OUT AT THE TABLE


THEY'LL BE ASLEEP FOR A FEW HOURS

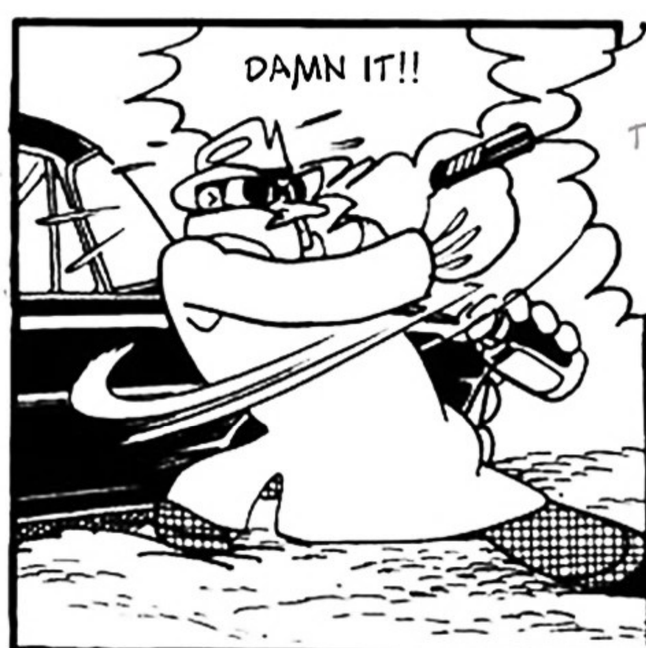

HAHA THIS IS IT!
THIS BIG X DRUG CAN BRING A PRICE THAT WILL MAKE YOUR EYES POP OUT OF YOUR HEAD


NOW WE CAN HAVE ANYTHING WE WANT

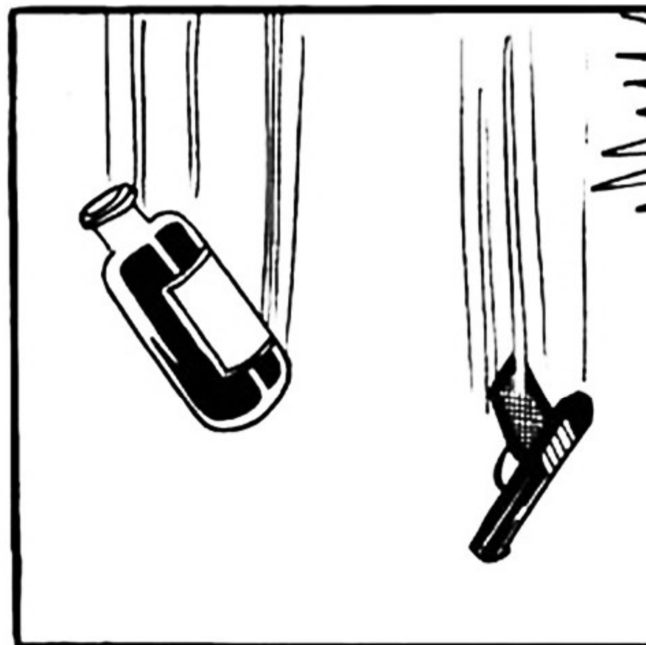

I WON'T LET YOU DO IT
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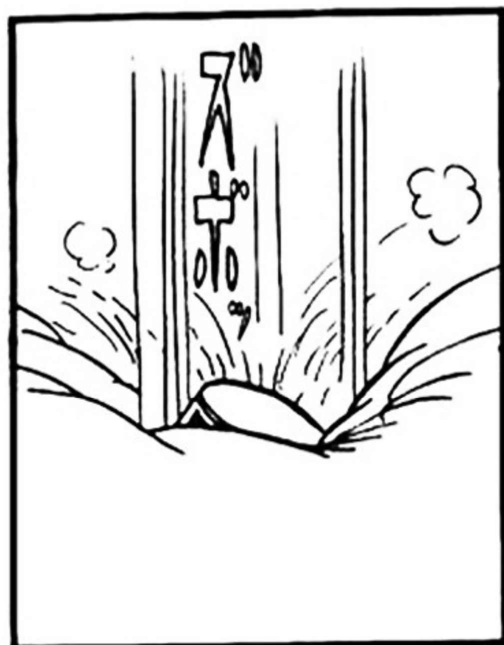
ONLY AKIRA HAS THE RIGHT TO THE BIG X DRUG
A THIEF HAS NO RIGHTS TO IT
W-WHO'S THERE?

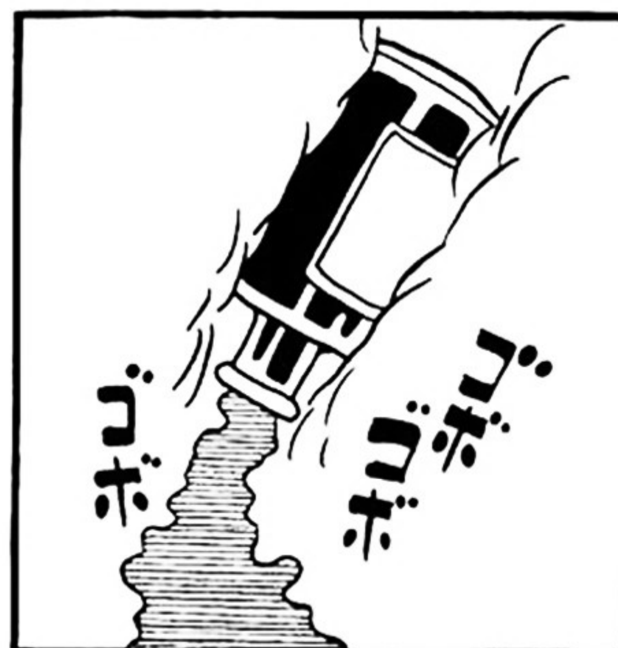






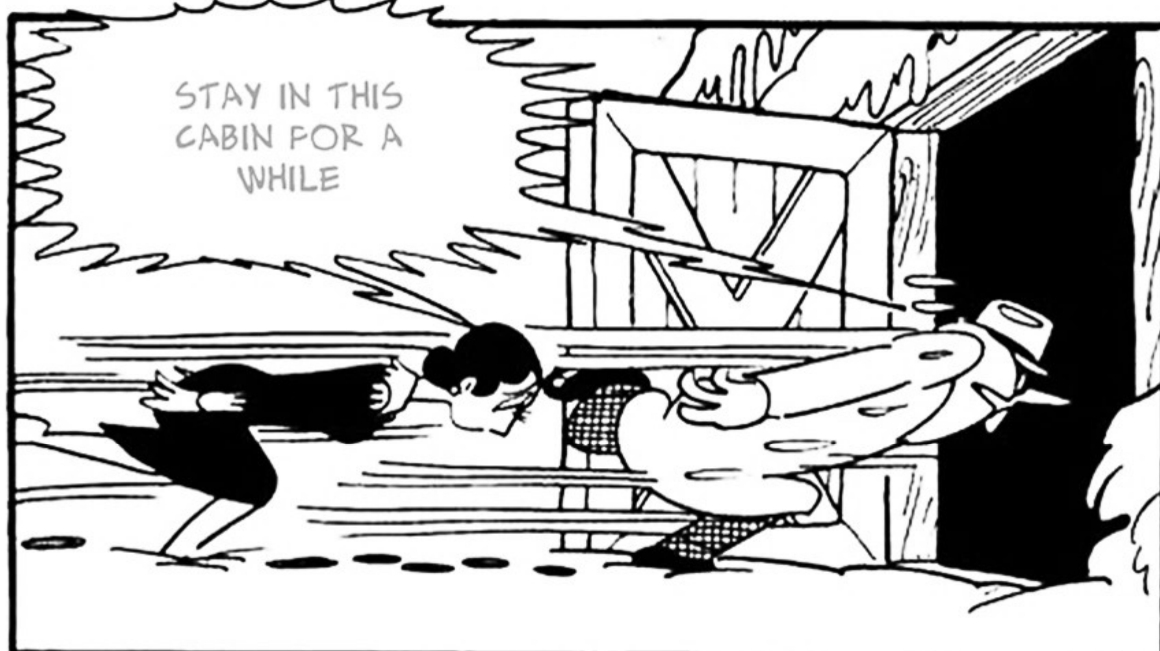





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NOW GET GOING!

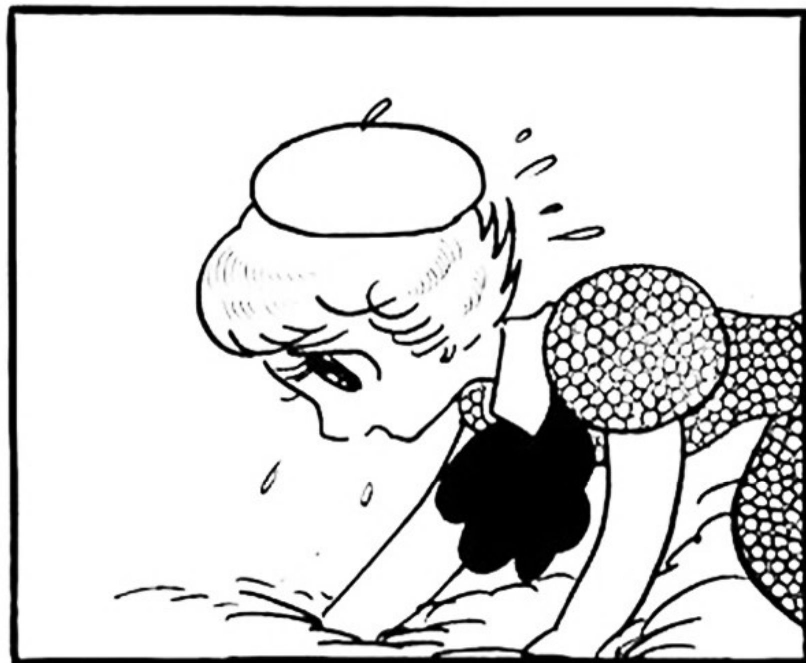

HUP! HUP! HUP!
WHERE IS THE BOTTLE OF BIG X?
I-I-I DROPPED IT....
I-I-IT F-FELL IN THE S-SNOW


STAY IN THIS CABIN FOR A WHILE

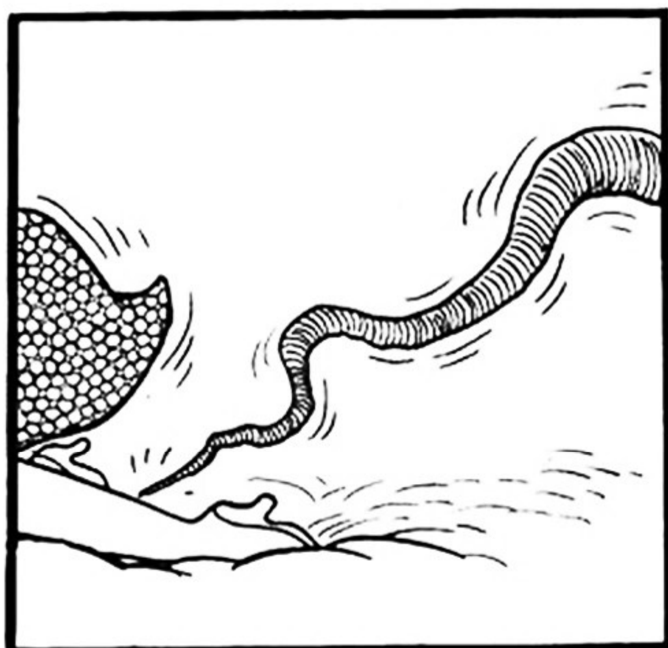


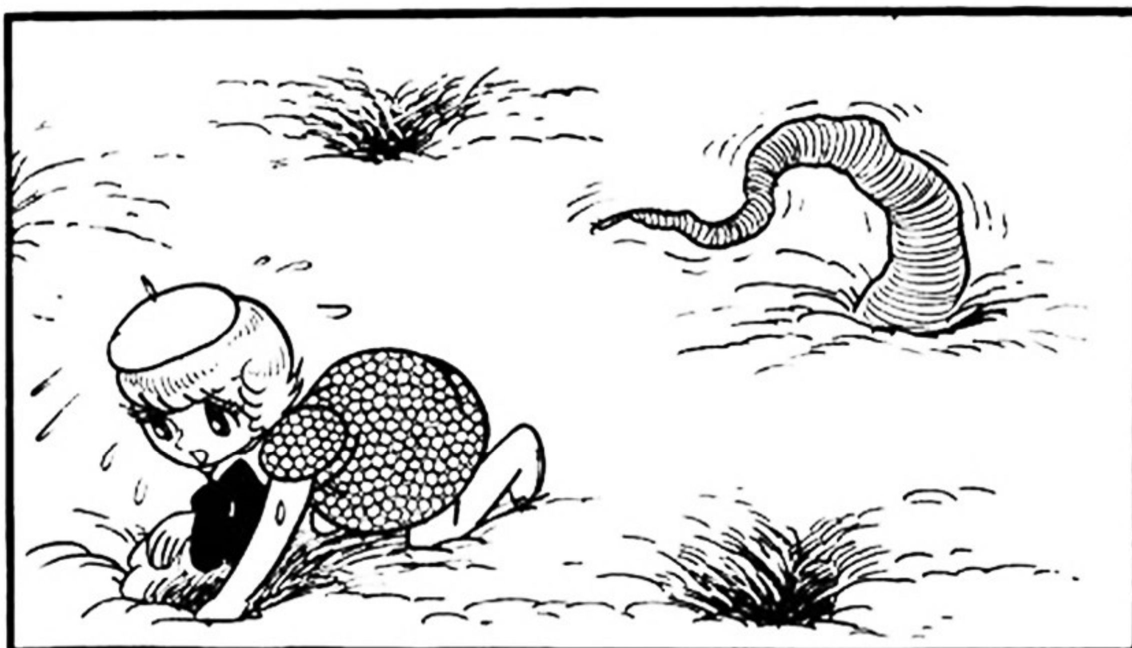

I REALLY DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO DEAL WITH YOU


AKIRA... AKIRA PLEASE WAKE UP
COME ON
OH, WHAT DO I DO?
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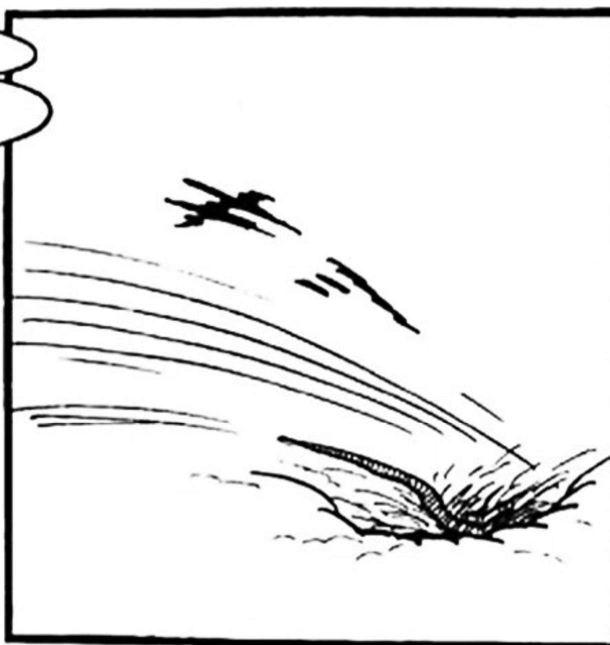



I CAN'T FIND WHERE THEY DROPPED IT

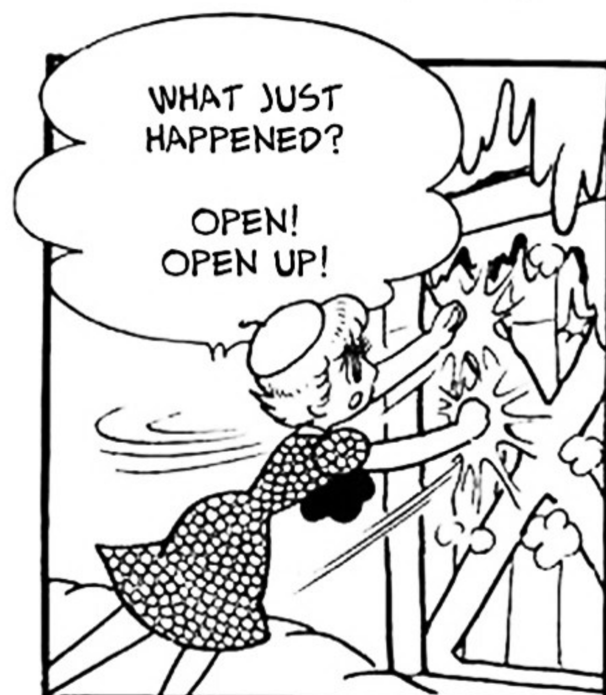


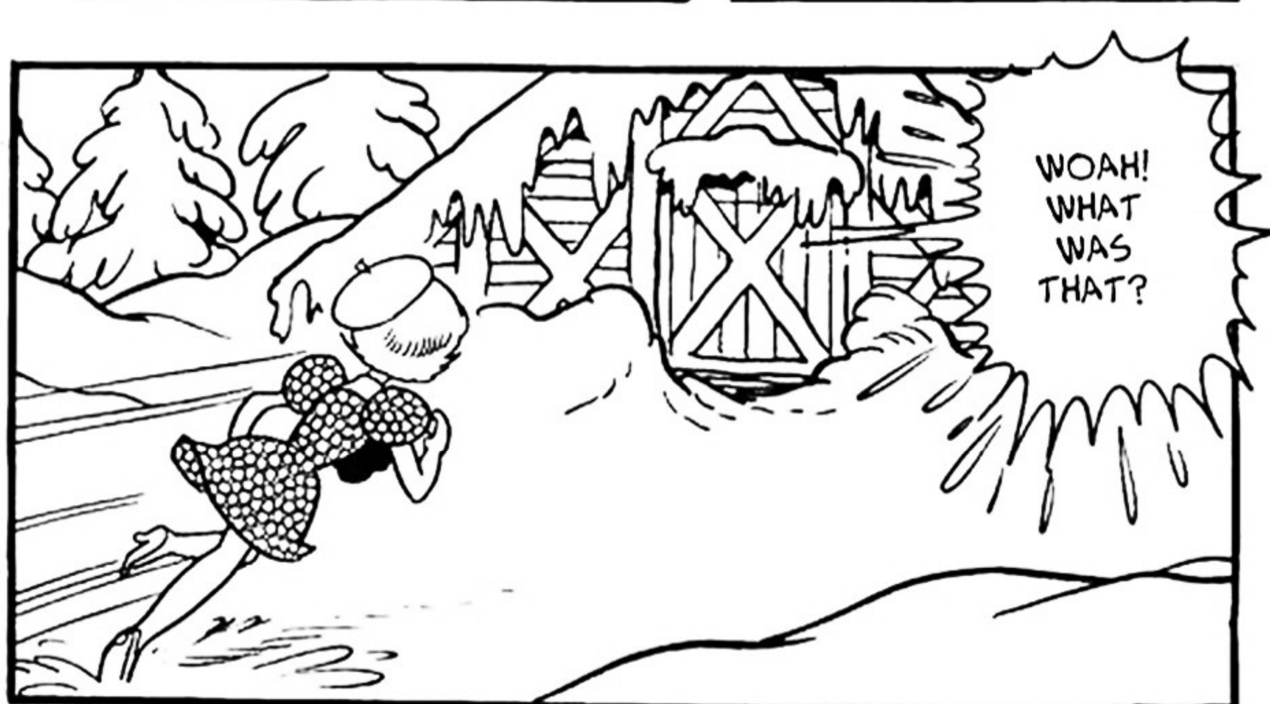


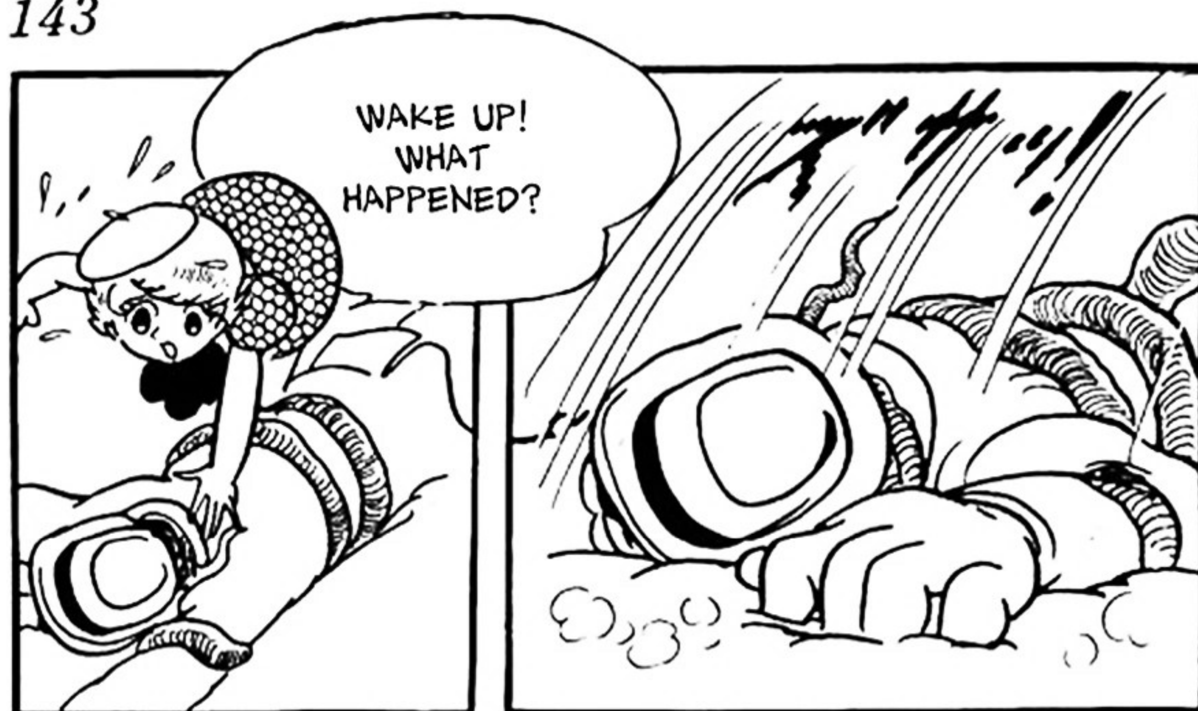

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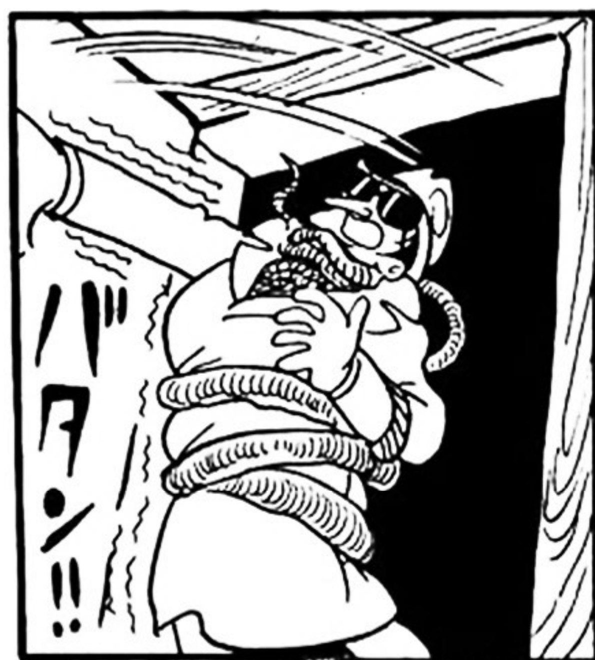



HUH?


WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
OPEN! OPEN UP!


WOAH! WHAT WAS THAT?


WAKE UP! WHAT HAPPENED?


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OHH! THE FLOORBOARDS ARE BREAKING!



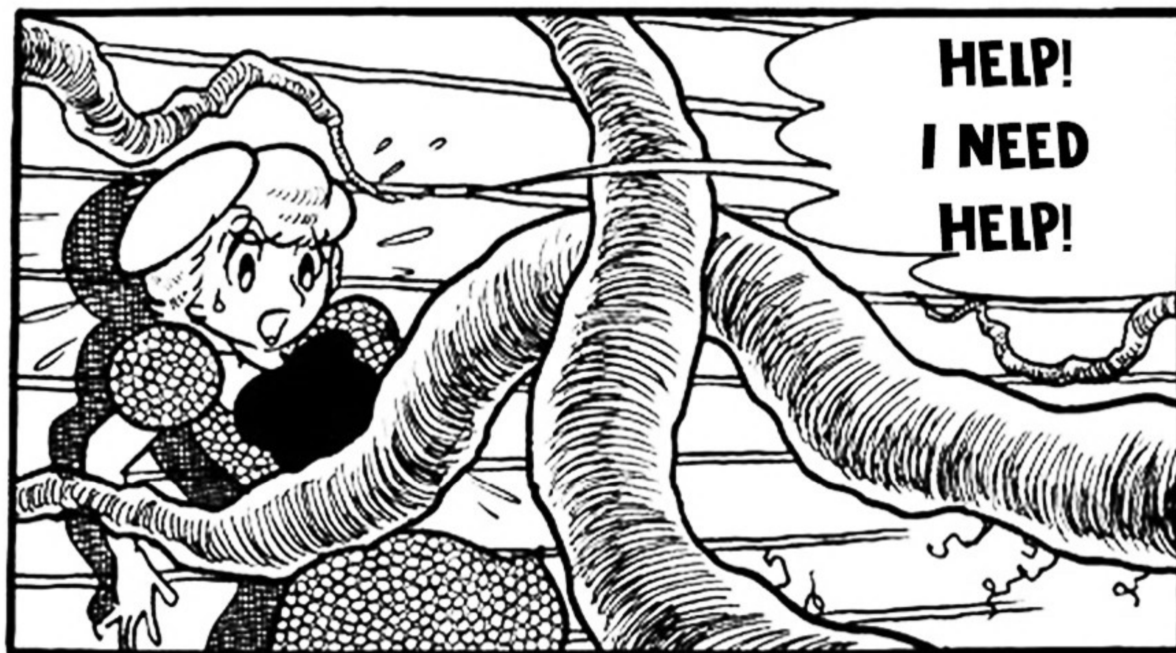



OH NO
EEEEK!








HELP! I NEED HELP!


HELP ME!


AKIRA!
MMNINYA WUH IZZIT

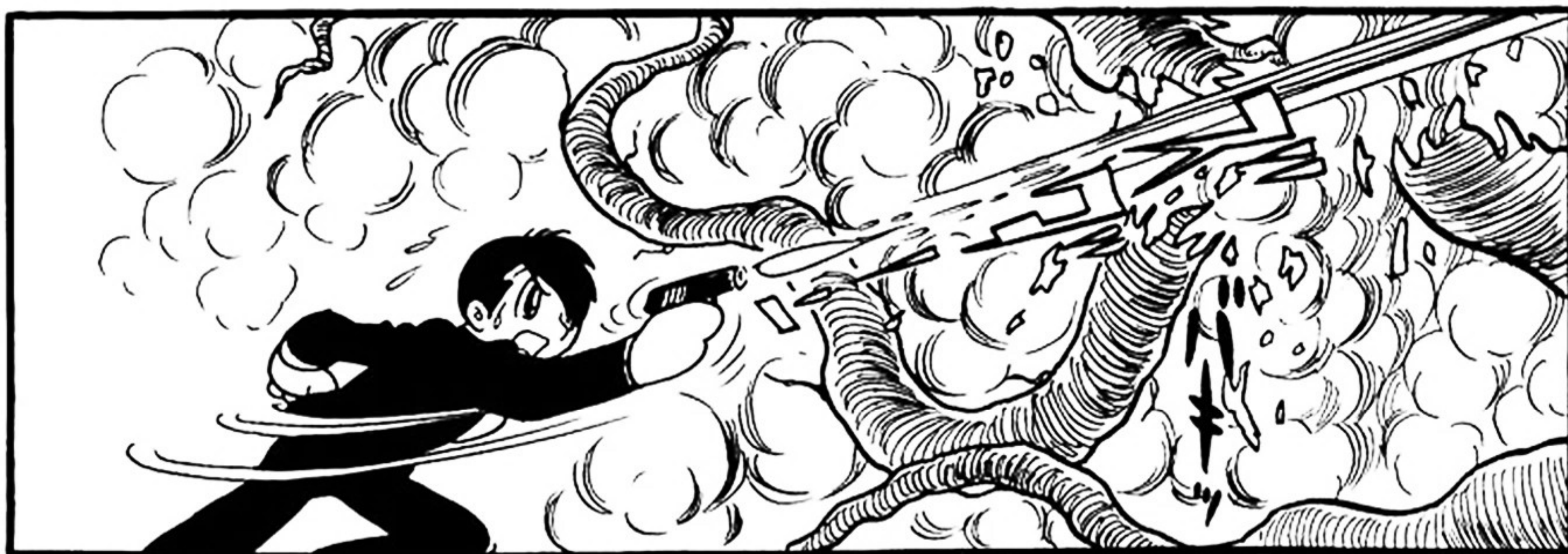

A-AKIRA!


WHAAA

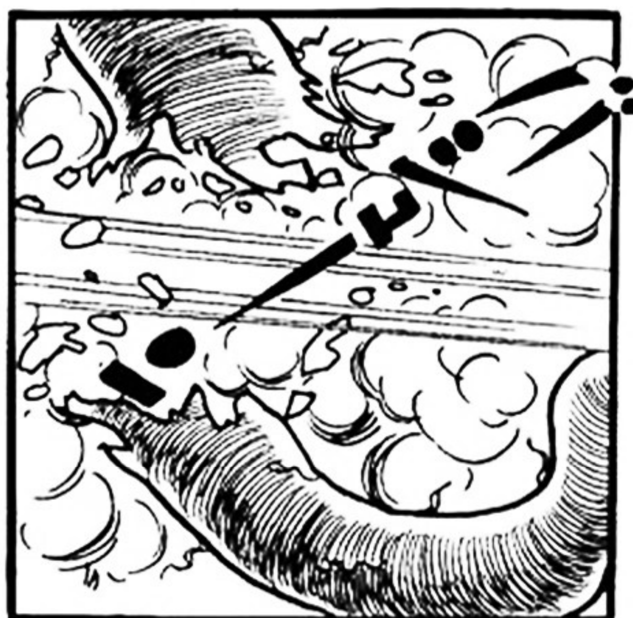

NINA! WHERE ARE YOU?

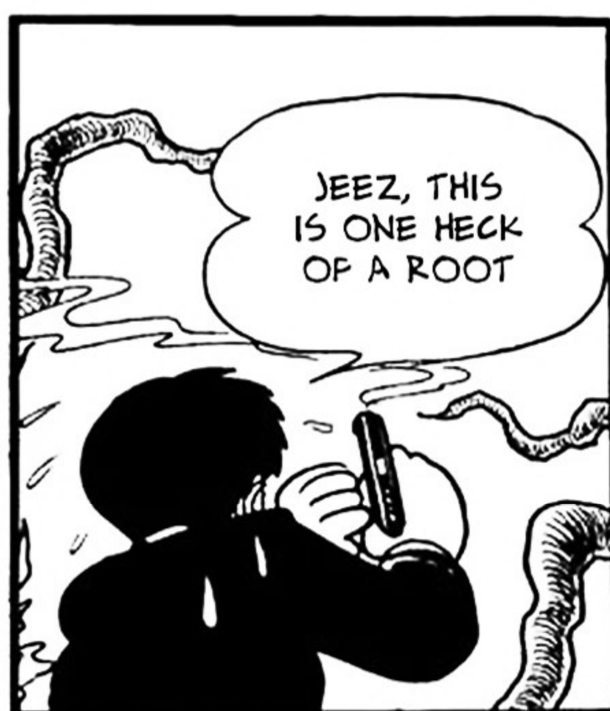

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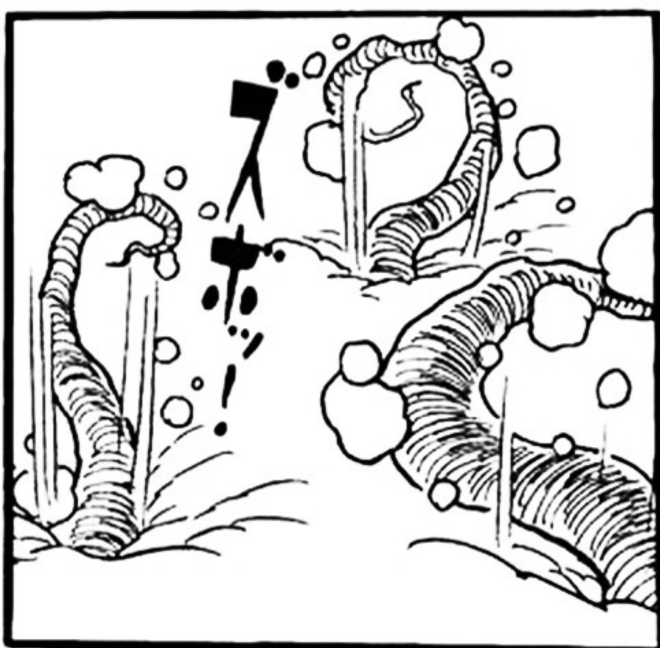

NINA!!




WHEN DID YOU TAKE THE BIG X DRUG YOU CRAZY ROOT?



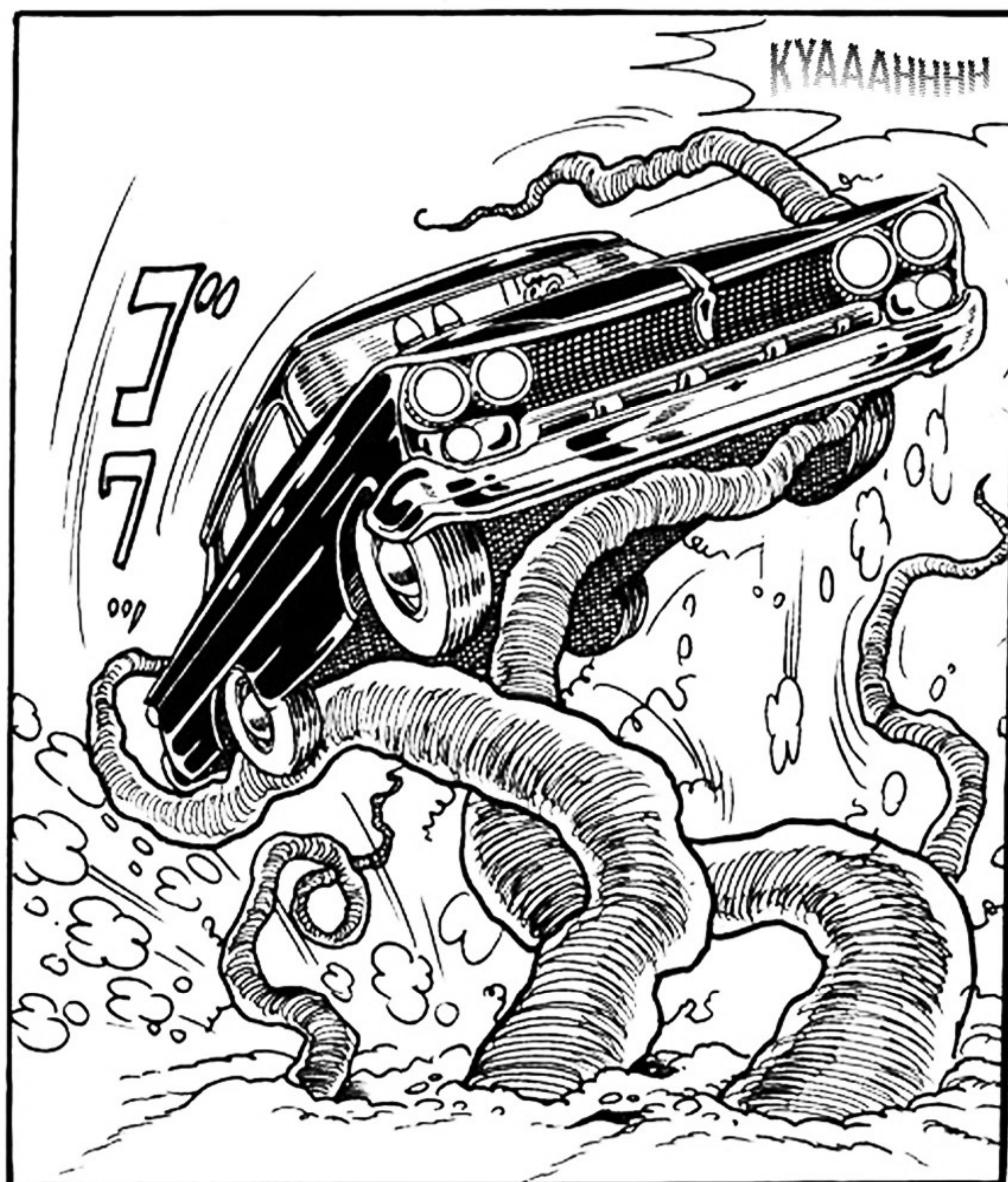

JEEZ, THIS IS ONE HECK OF A ROOT



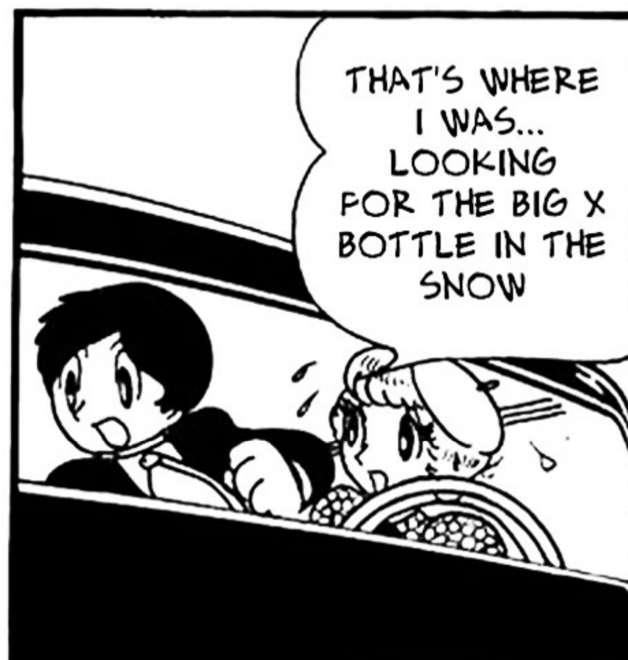

NINA! ARE YOU HURT?
AIKIRA!




NINA, IT'S NOT SAFE HERE. GET IN THE CAR

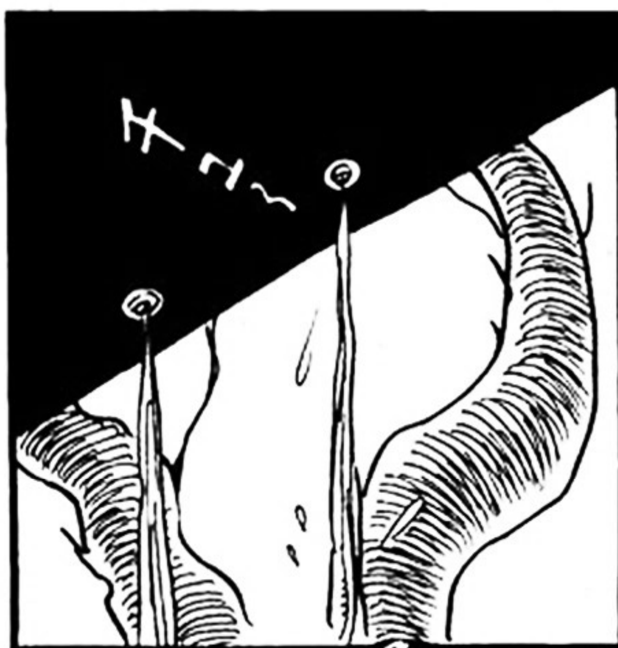
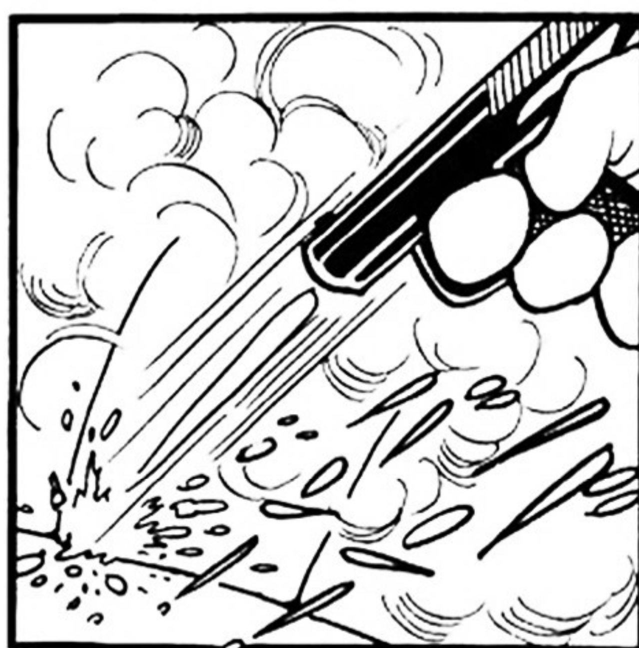
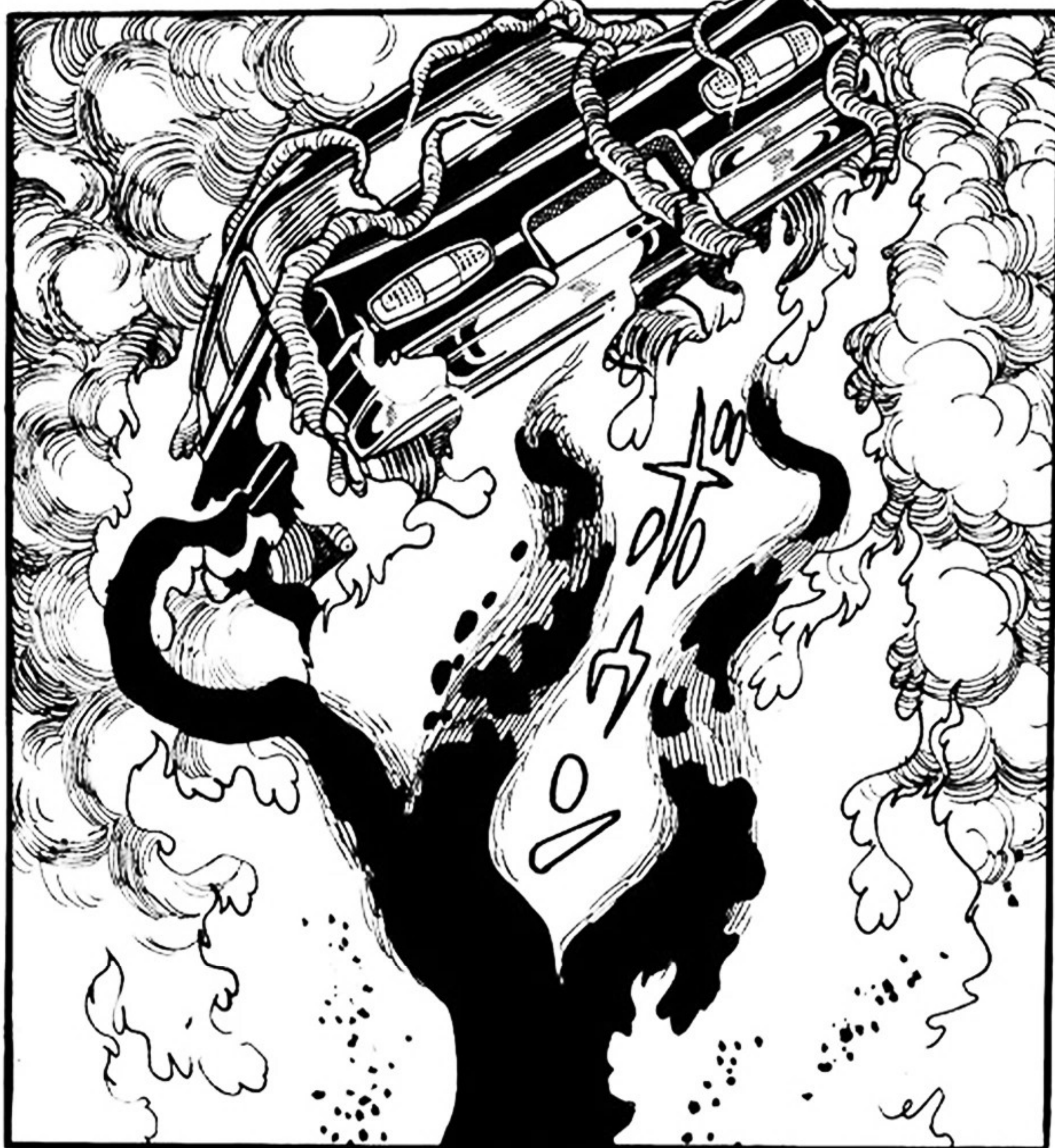
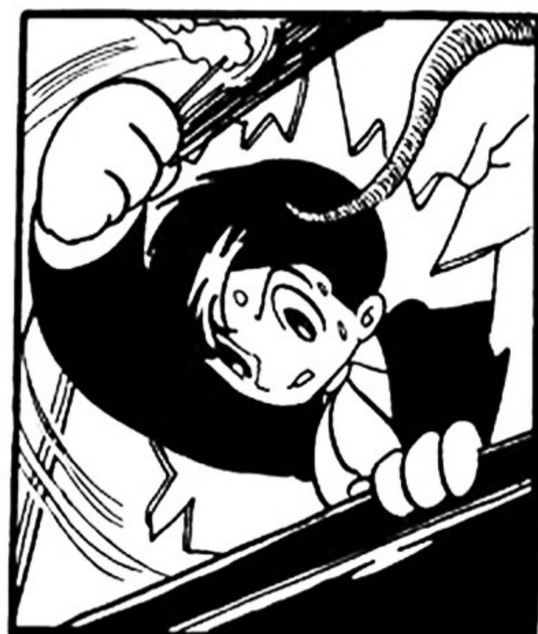
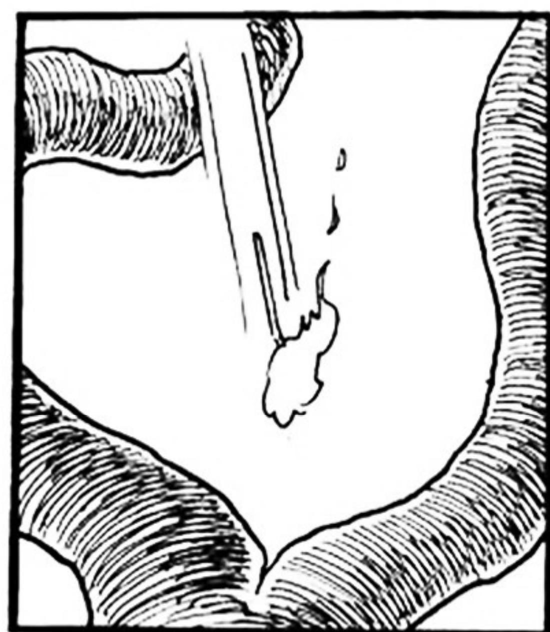
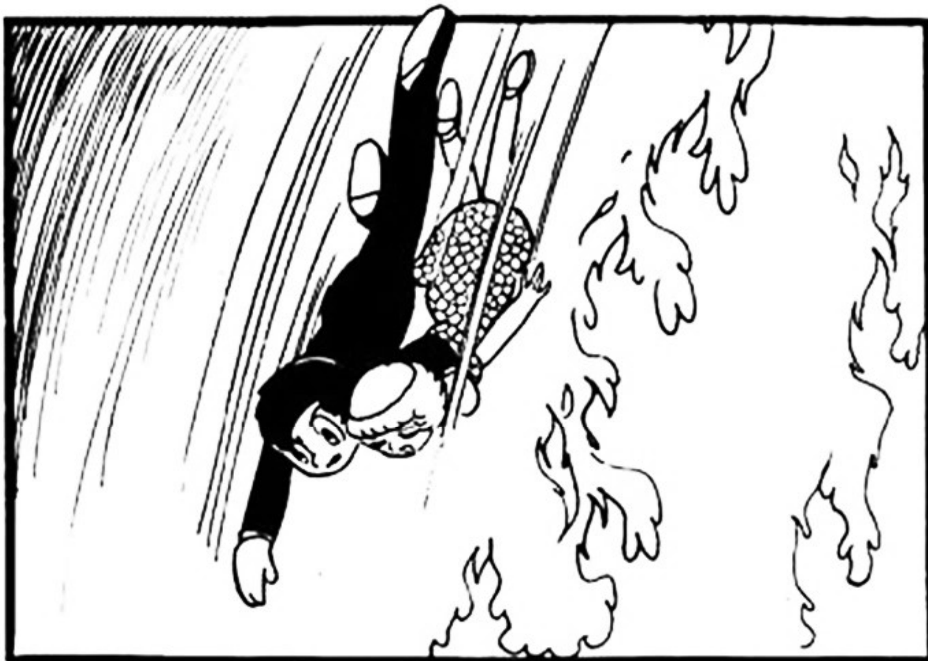

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THERE WAS A MAN WHO STOLE THE BIG X DRUG, AND HE SPILLED IT IN THE SNOW
IN THE SNOW ?


THAT'S WHERE I WAS... LOOKING FOR THE BIG X BOTTLE IN THE SNOW




LOOK OUT!
OH NO!

LET'S JUMP






AKIRA, IT'S THERE!


NOT HERE ....


WHERE IS IT...

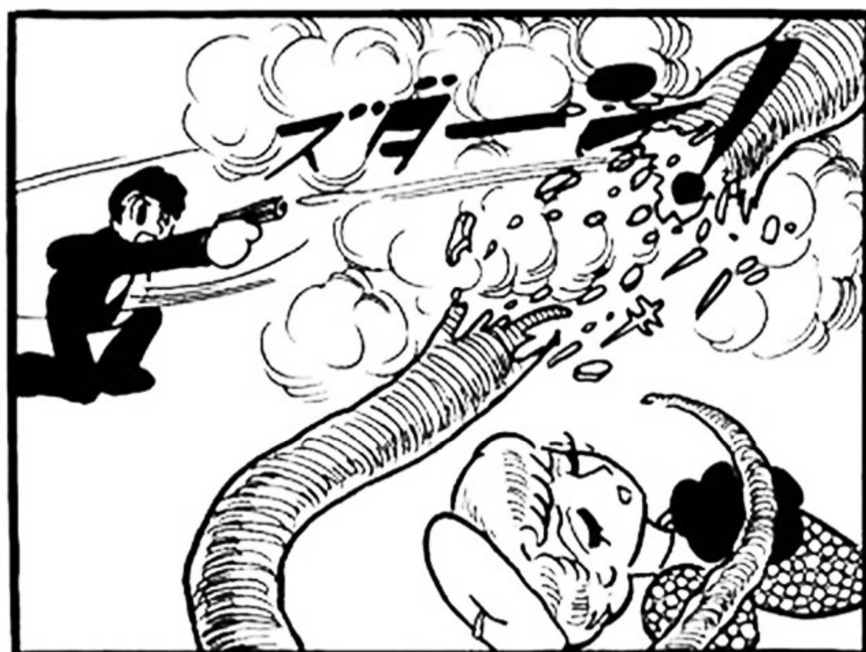




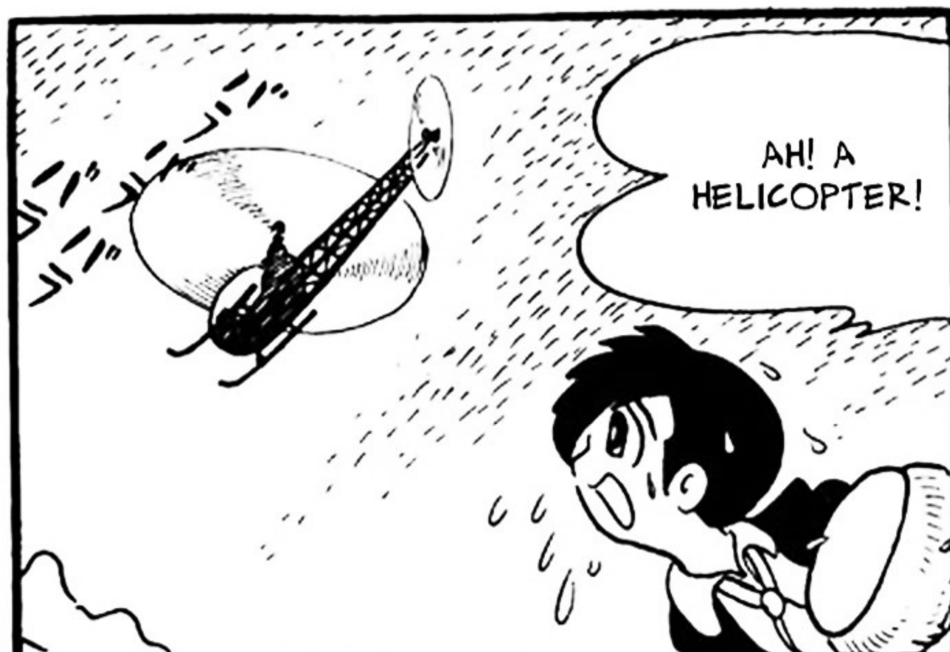

NINA!

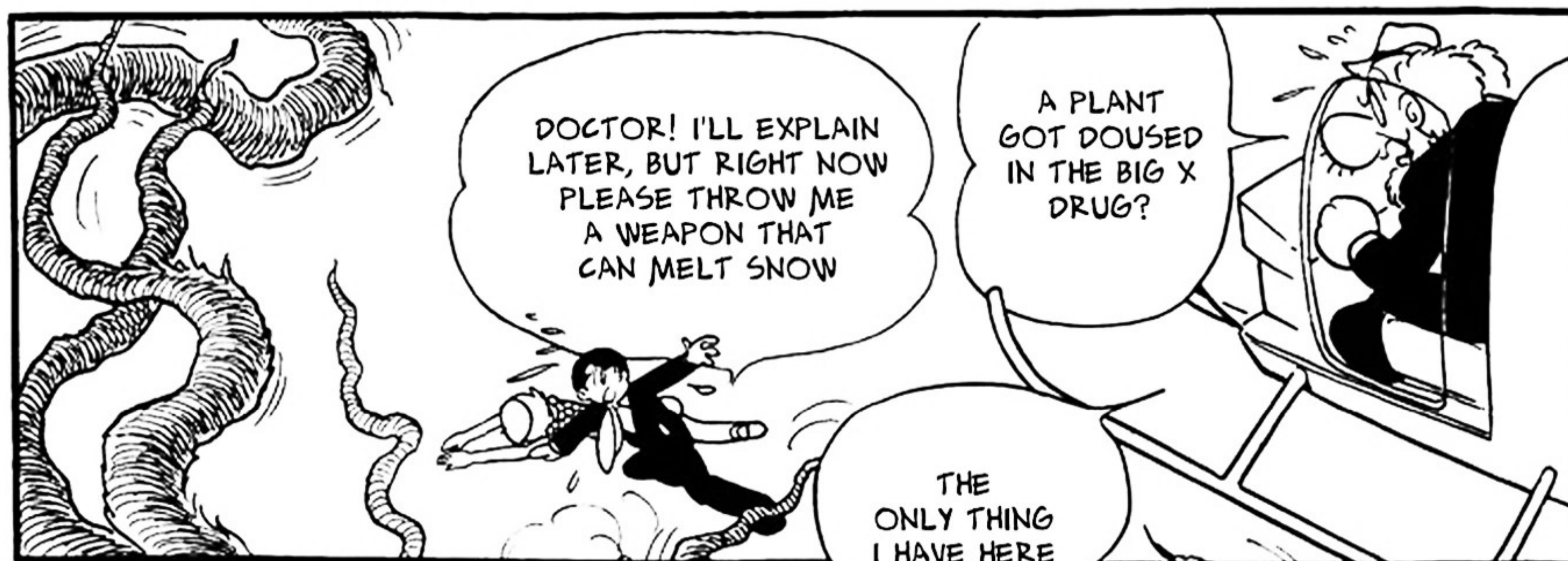

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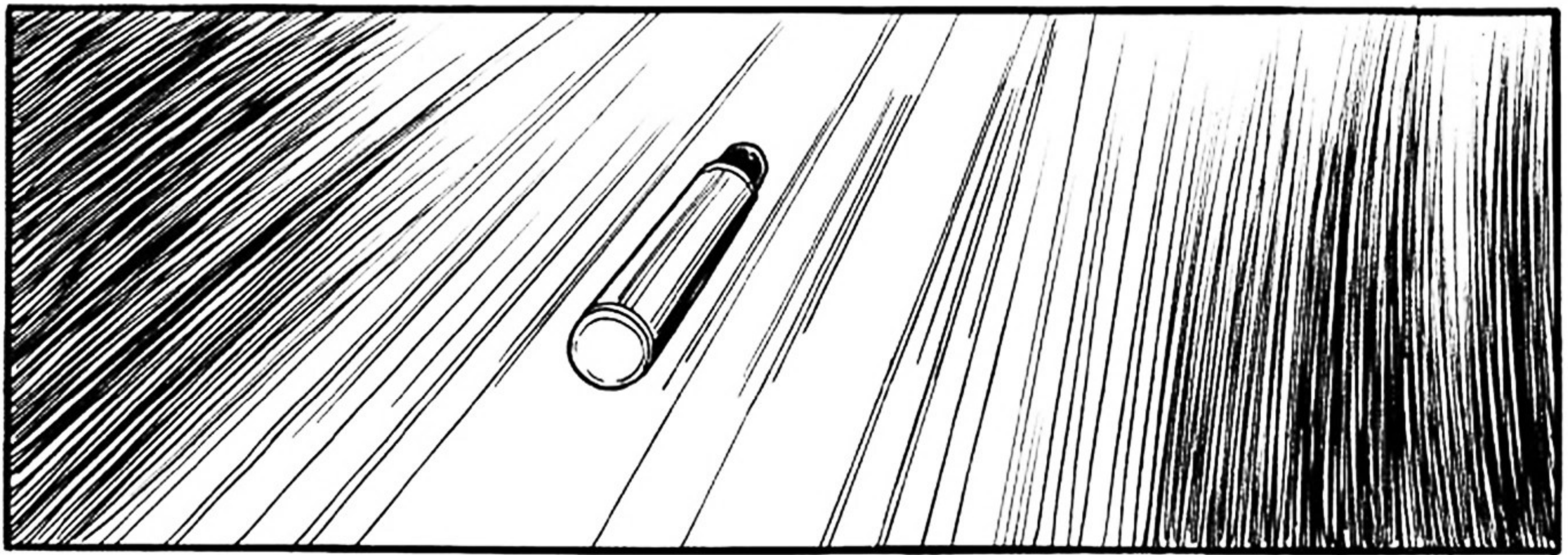

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AKIRA! WHAT'S WITH THE MONSTROUS ROOTS?

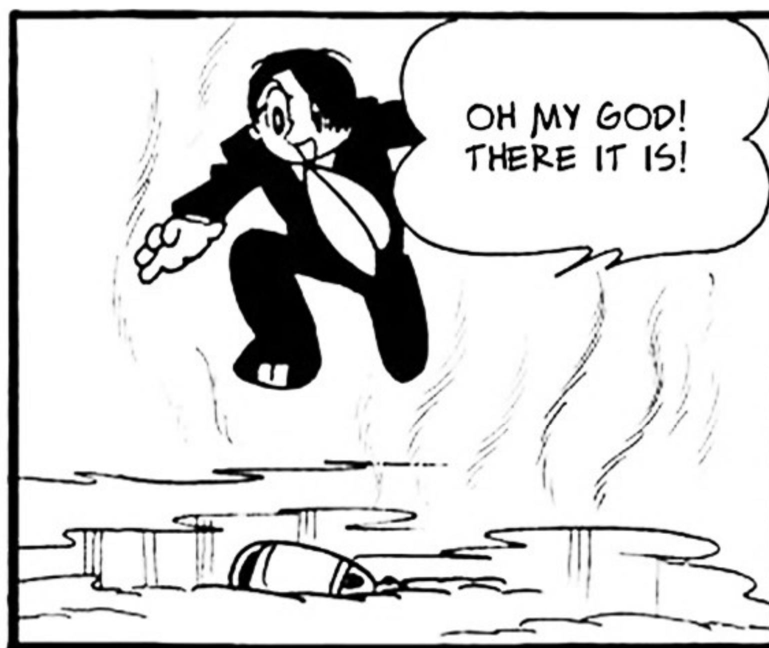

AH! A HELICOPTER!



FIRE THE FLARES INTO THE GROUND!




THE SNOW! IT'S MELTING!
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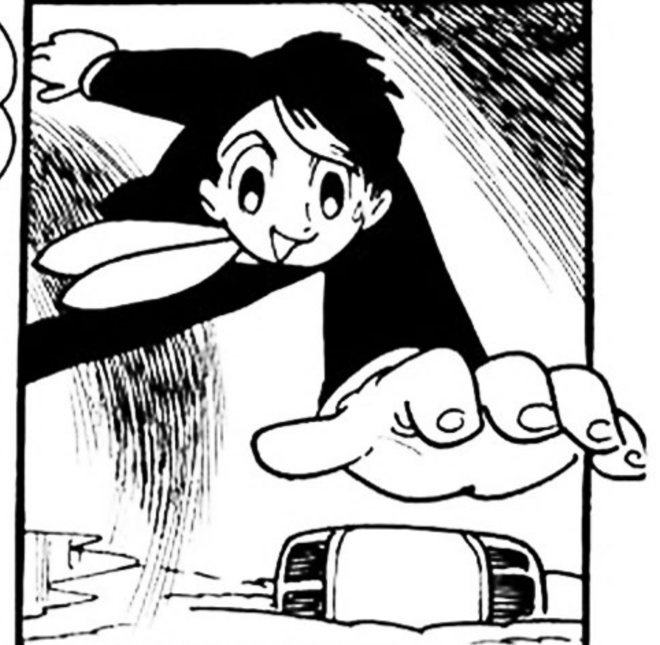

OH MY GOD! THERE IT IS!








JUST IN TIME

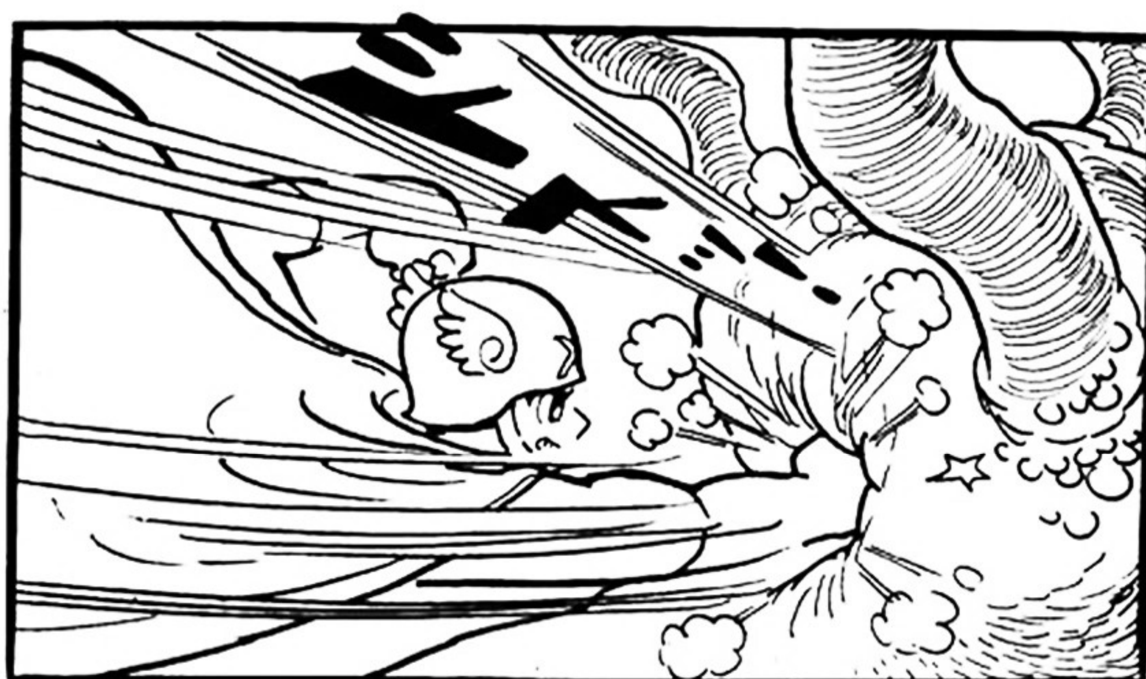



COME ON,
YOU MONSTER!






UGH!!

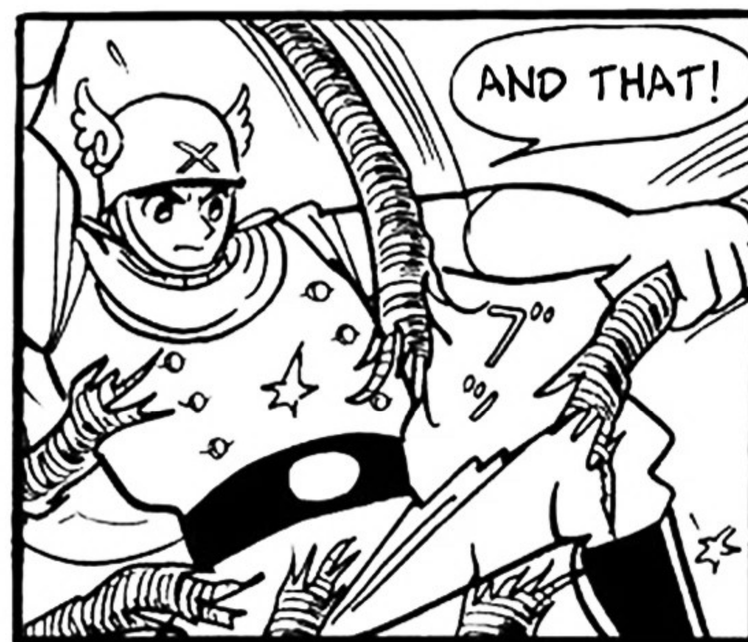


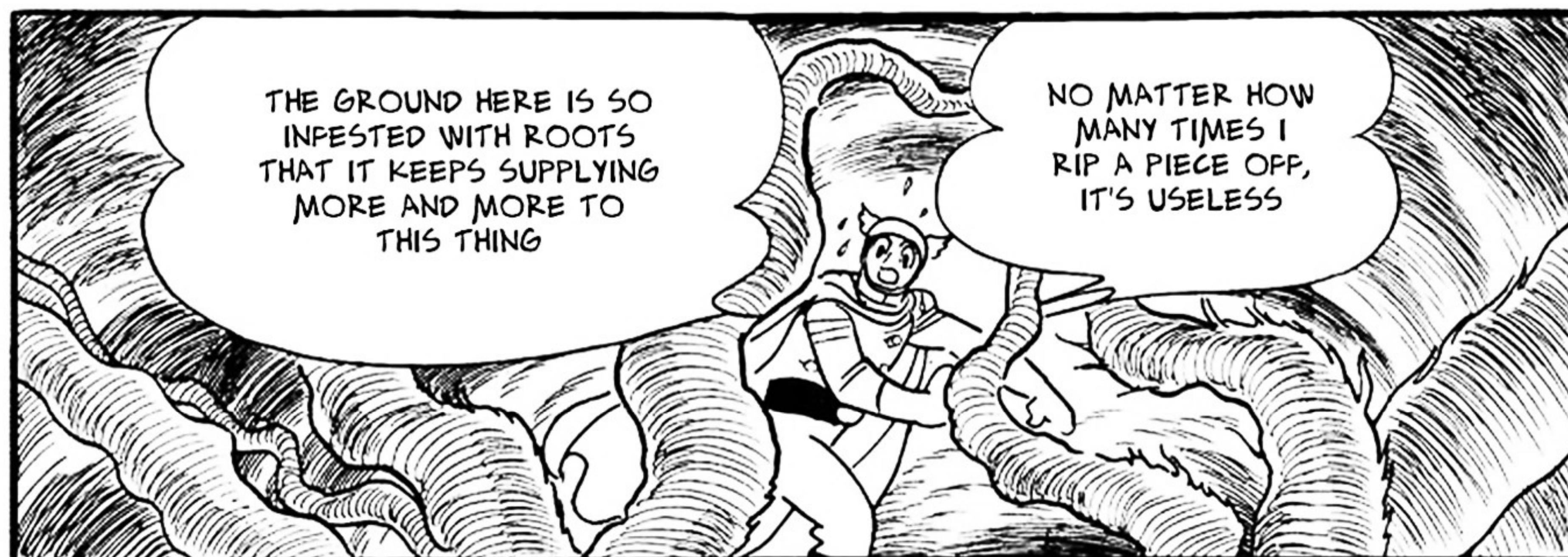

YAHHH


AHAA

TAKE THAT!



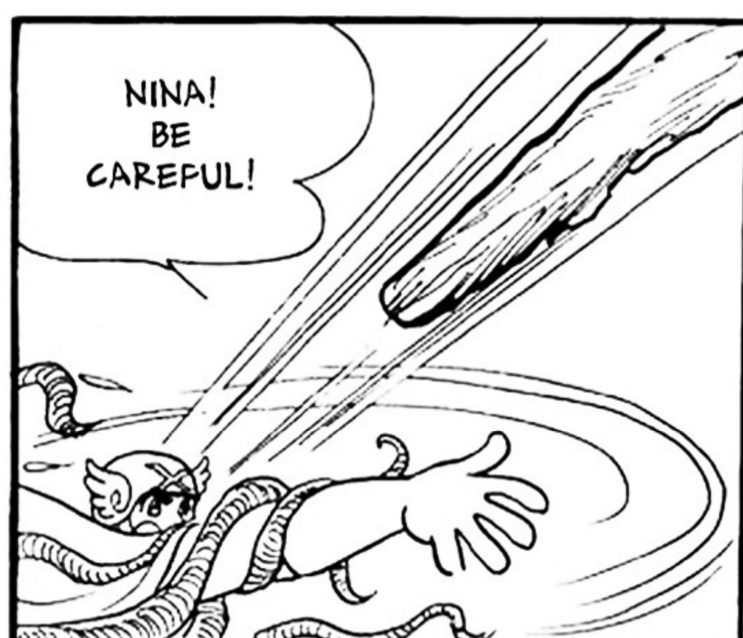


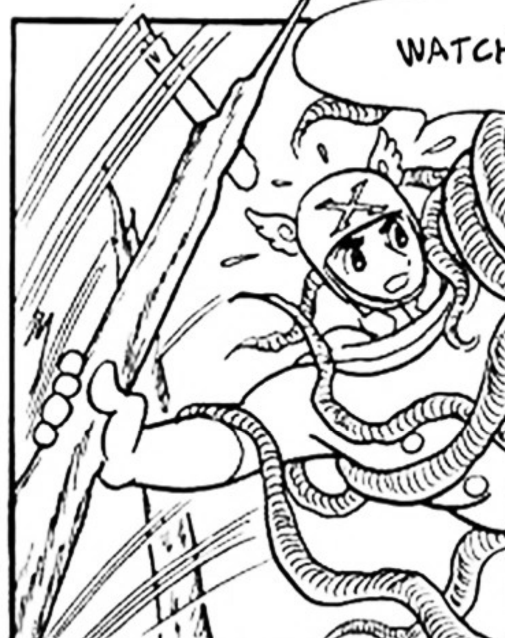


OKAY, HERE WE GO

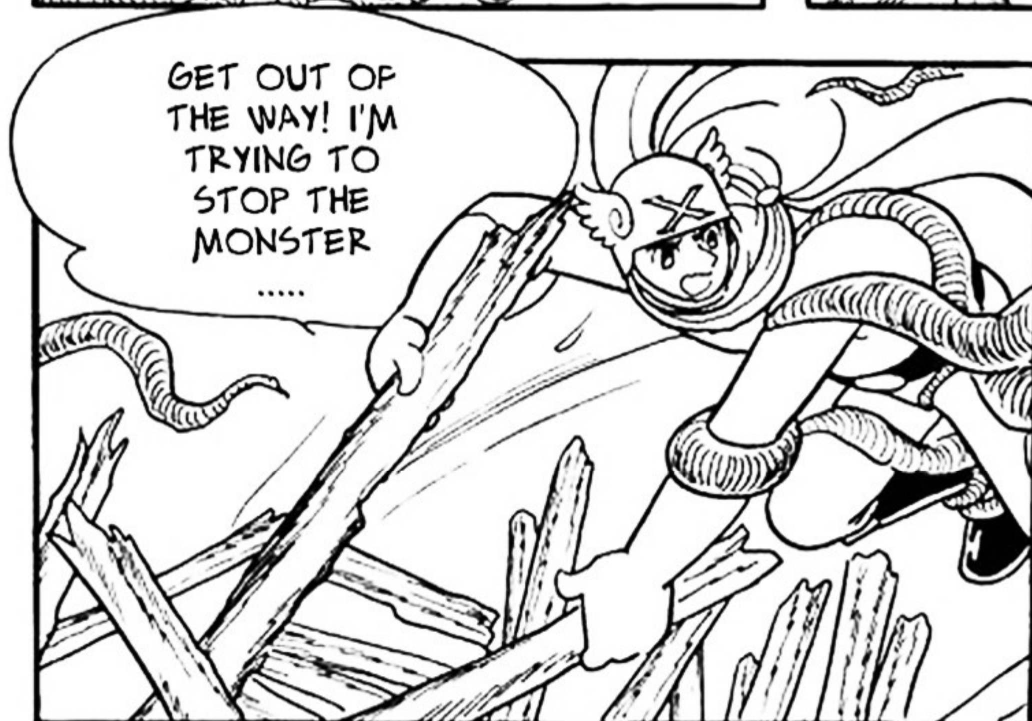
I'LL FIGHT YOU FOR ALL I'M WORTH

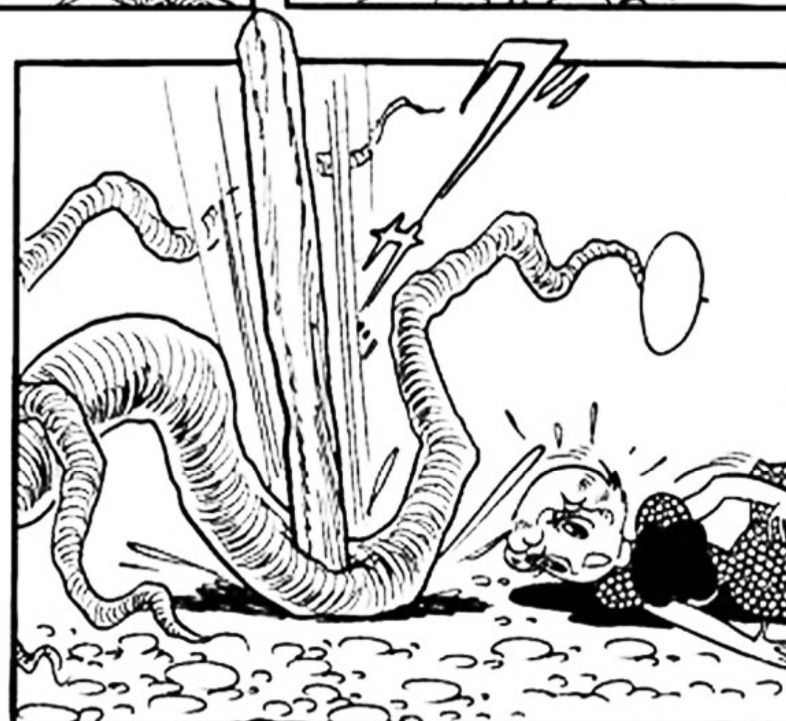

WHAT THE HELL, YA STUBBORN BASTARD!

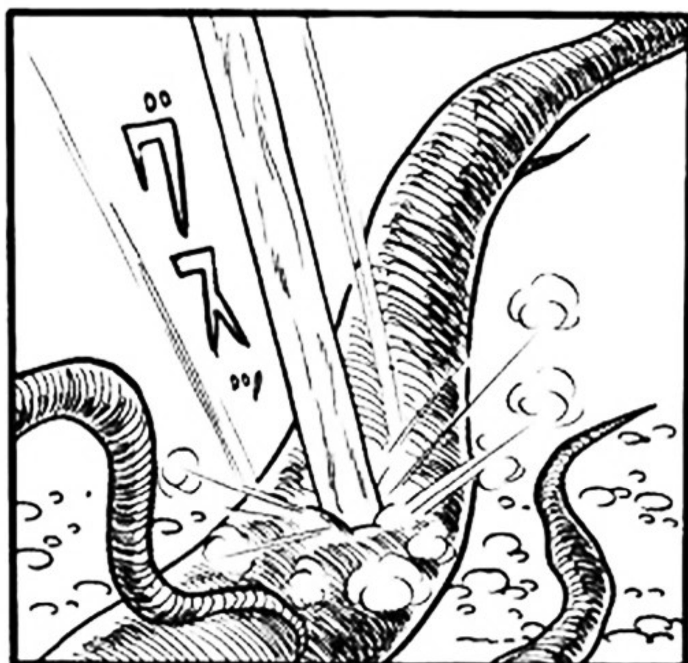

NINA! BE CAREFUL!

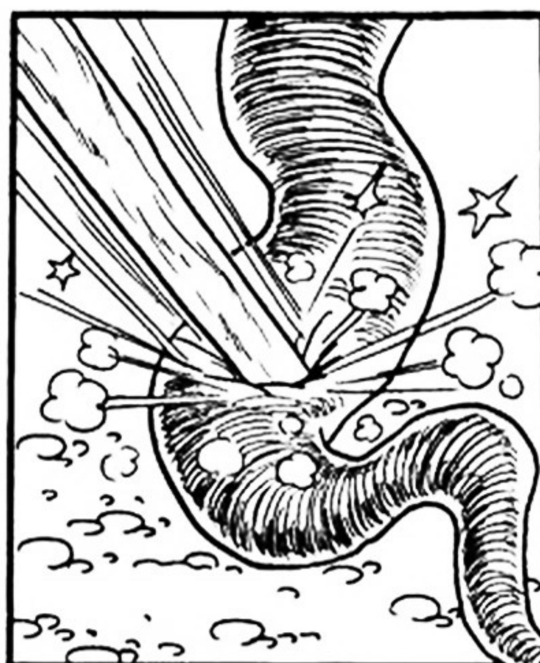

WATCH OUT!

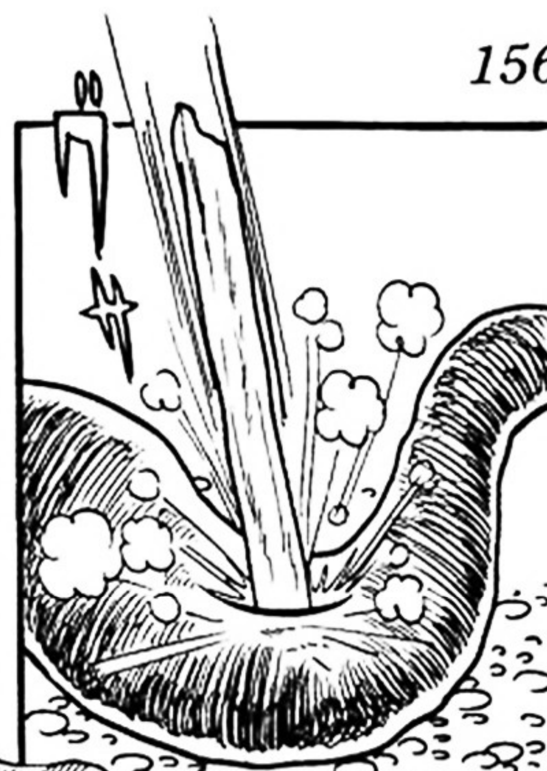


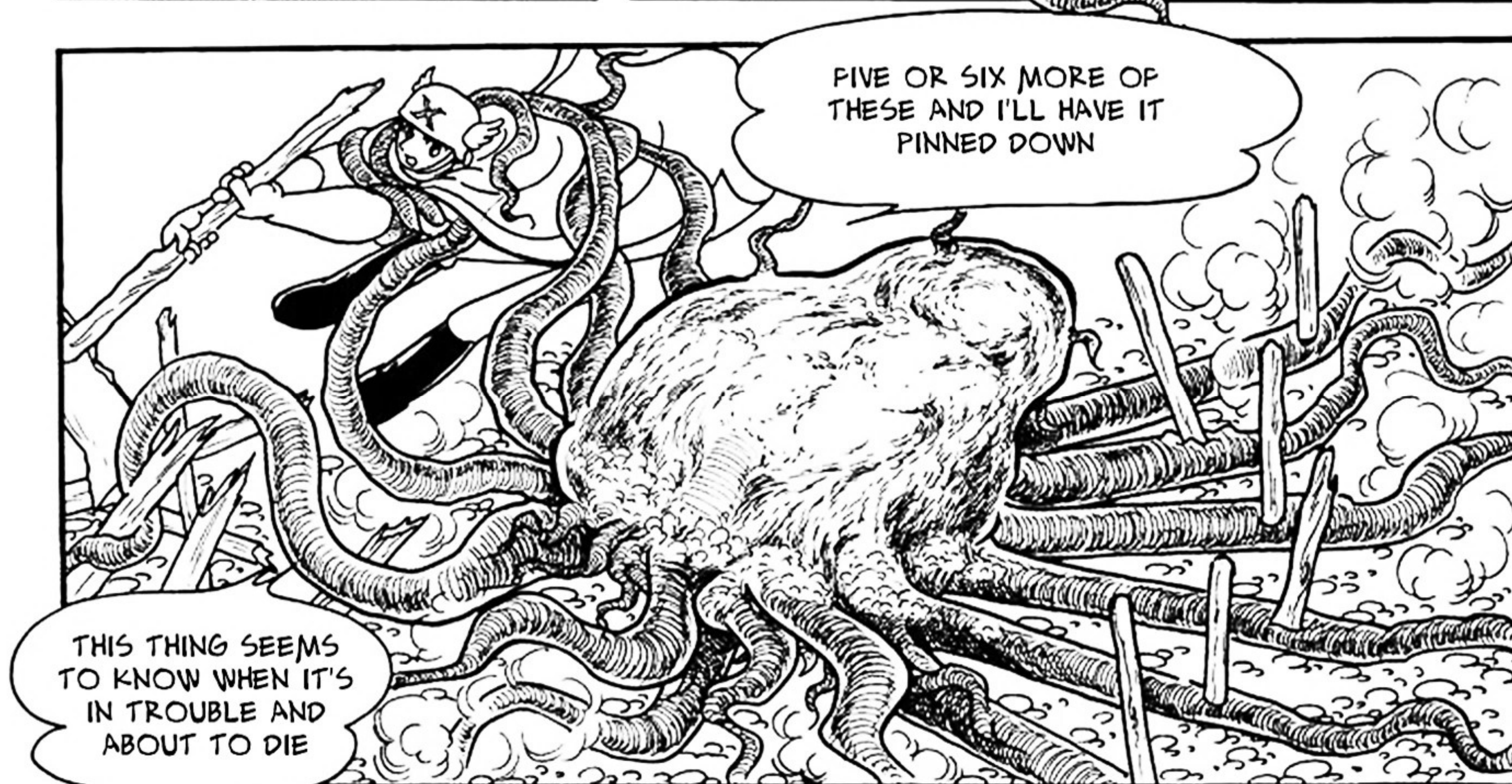

GET OUT OF THE WAY! I'M TRYING TO STOP THE MONSTER .....

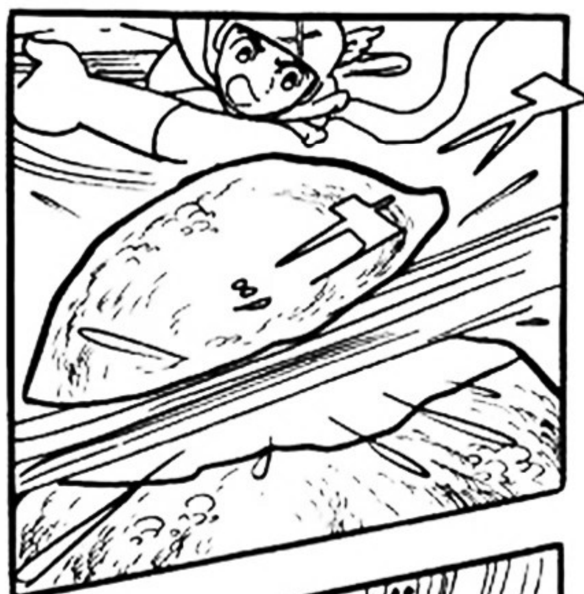


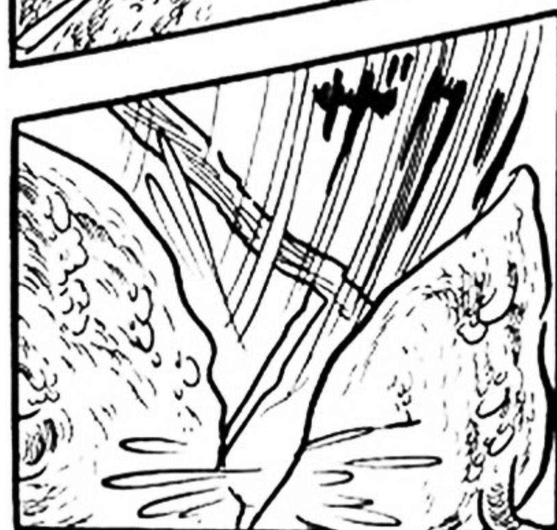







FIVE OR SIX MORE OF THESE AND I'LL HAVE IT PINNED DOWN
THIS THING SEEMS TO KNOW WHEN IT'S IN TROUBLE AND ABOUT TO DIE



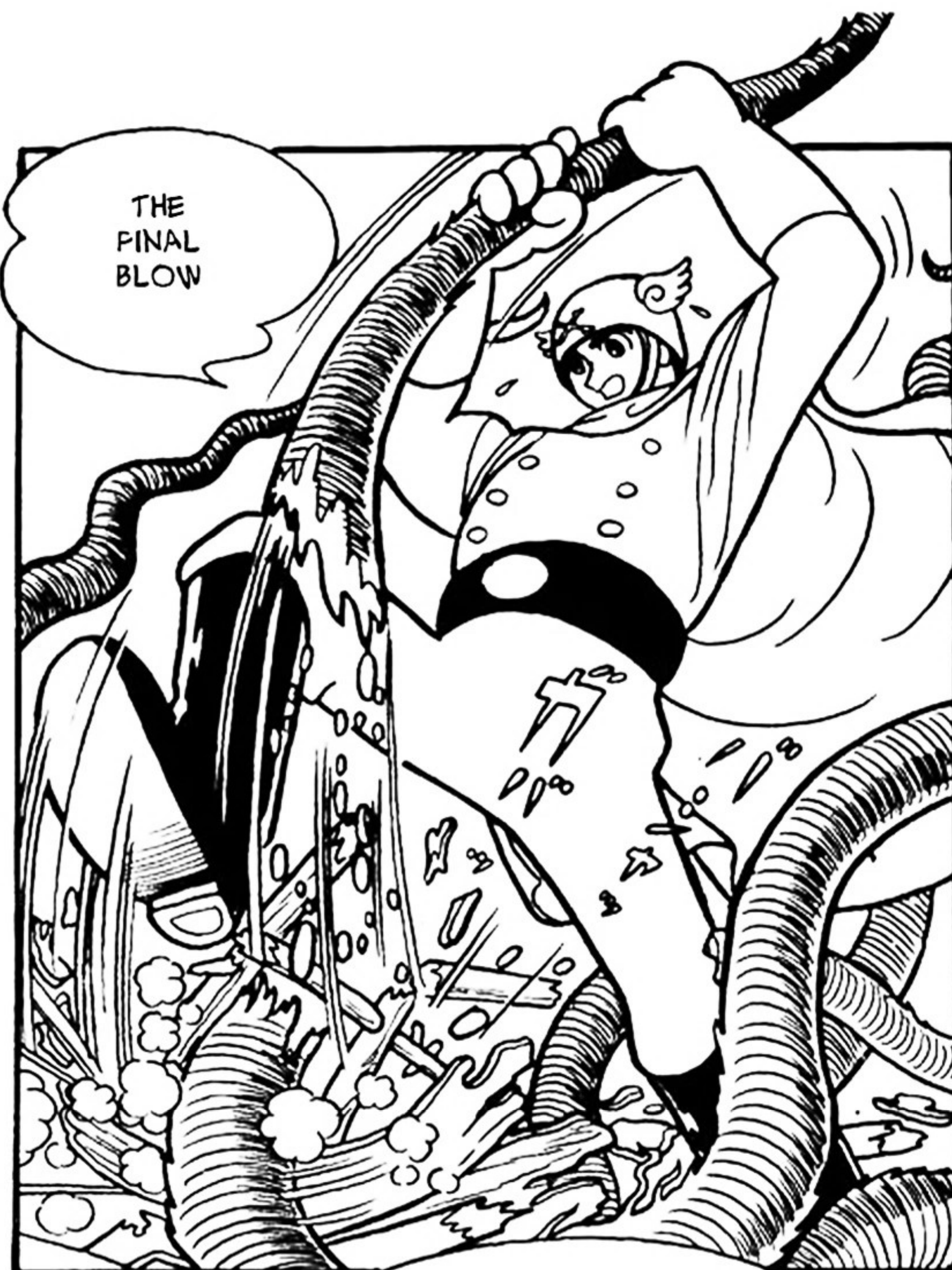


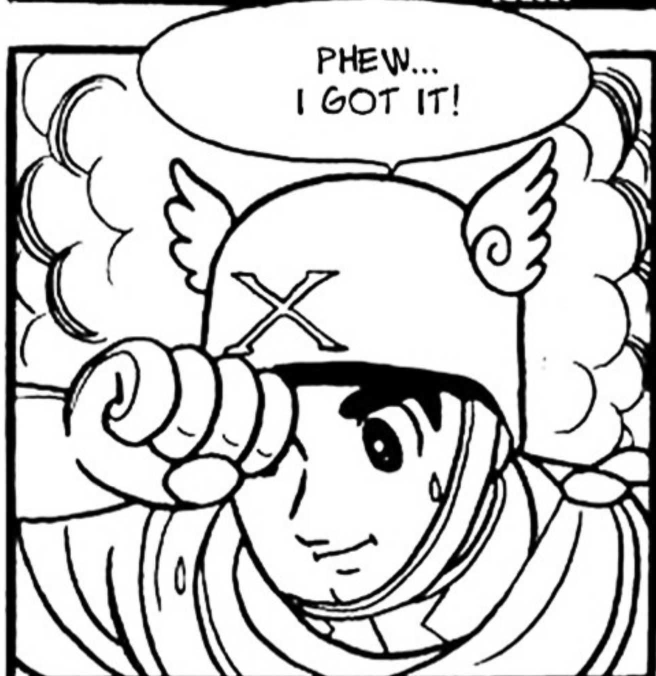


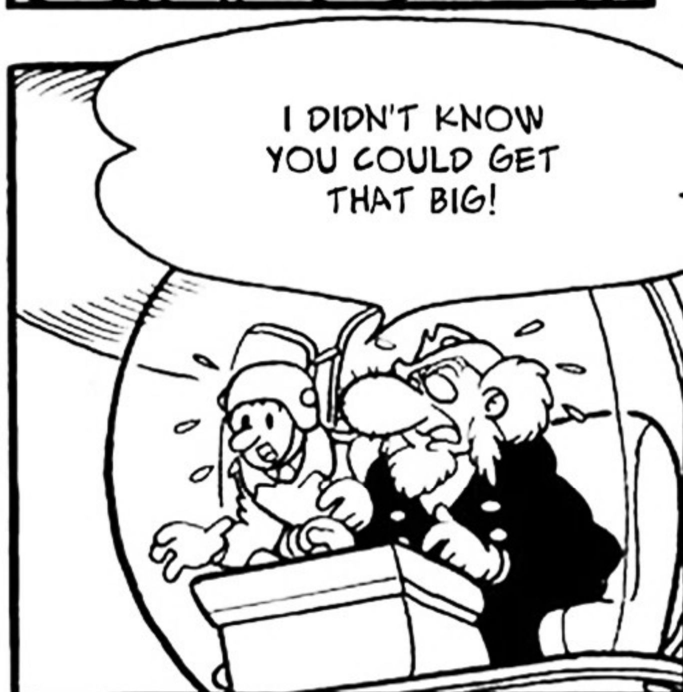

ACK!


I'LL GET YOU!



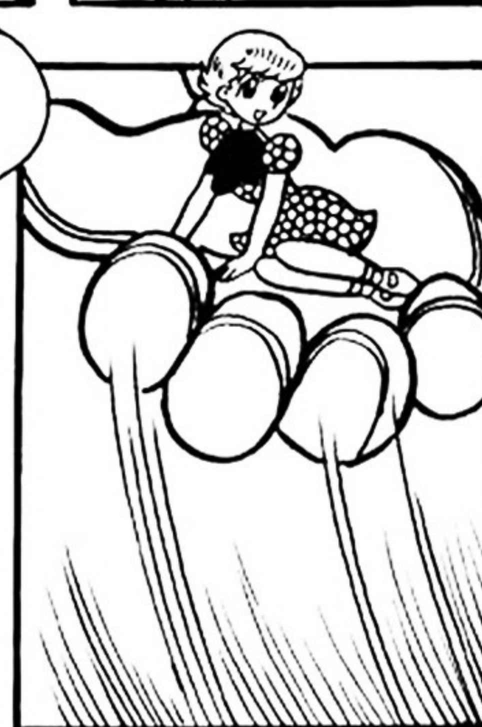

THE FINAL BLOW
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PHEW... I GOT IT!


I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD GET THAT BIG!

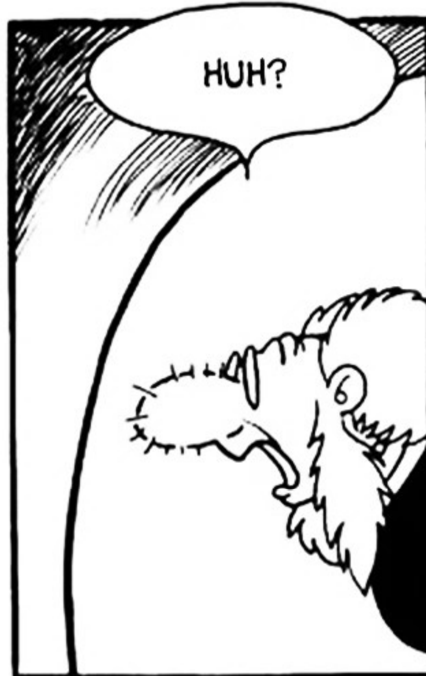

THANK YOU DOCTOR FOR THE FLARE! THAT HELPED ME FIND THE BIG X DRUG IN THE SNOW


ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE, BUT I MIGHT FREAK OUT WHEN I SEE POTATOES AGAIN




COME ON NINA


IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A FIRE IN THE NEXT VILLAGE
IT LOOKS BAD!


HUH?


OH!

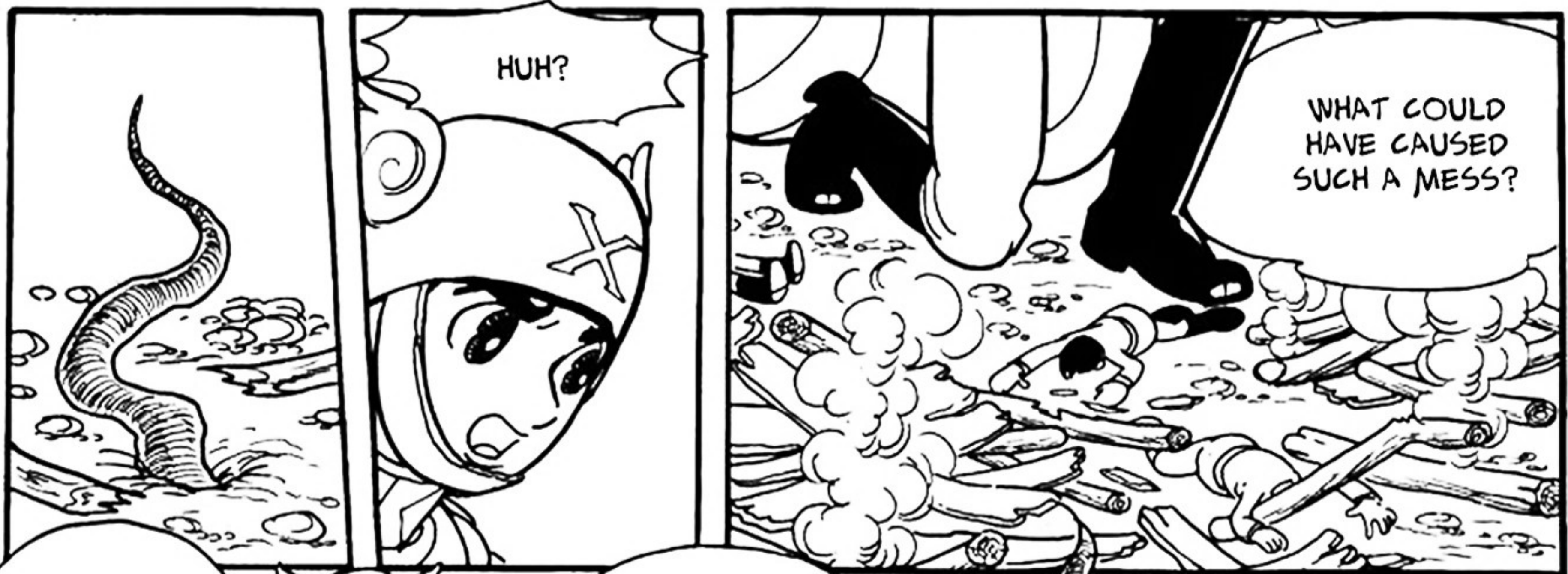



I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT


OH MY GOD!

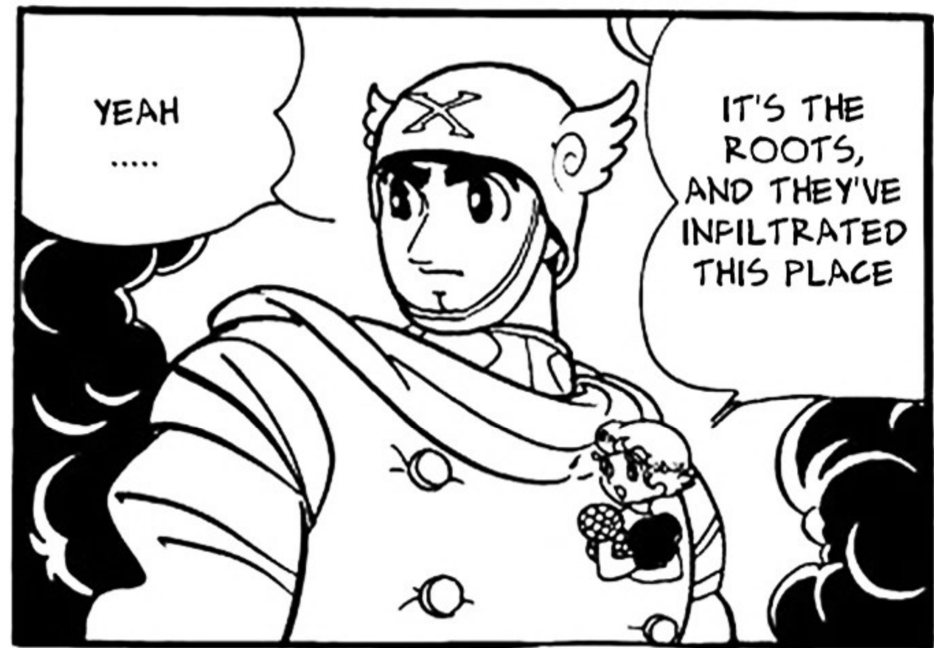



AH!
X

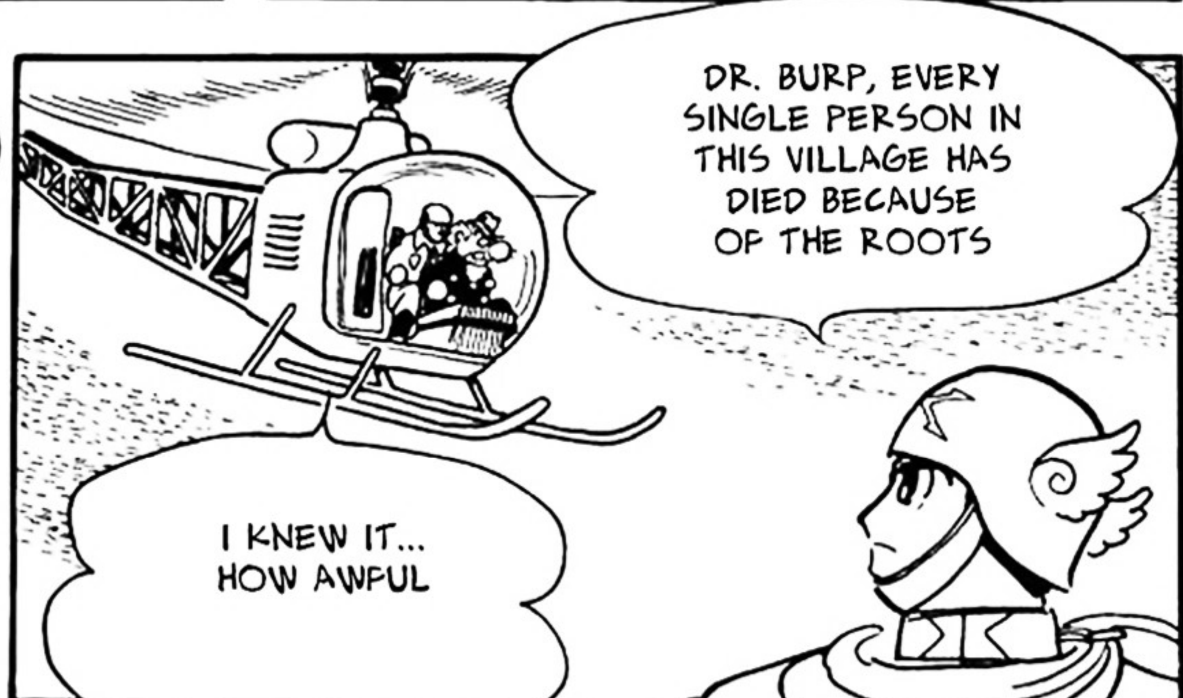

HUH?
WHAT COULD HAVE CAUSED SUCH A MESS?


UM
OH NO! ARE THE ROOTS HERE TOO?




YEAH .....
IT'S THE ROOTS, AND THEY'VE INFILTRATED THIS PLACE


YOU'LL HAVE TO DESTROY THE WHOLE THING. IF YOU LEAVE IT THEY'LL END UP WITH IT ALL OVER THEIR COUNTRY


DR. BURP, EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN THIS VILLAGE HAS DIED BECAUSE OF THE ROOTS
I KNEW IT... HOW AWFUL

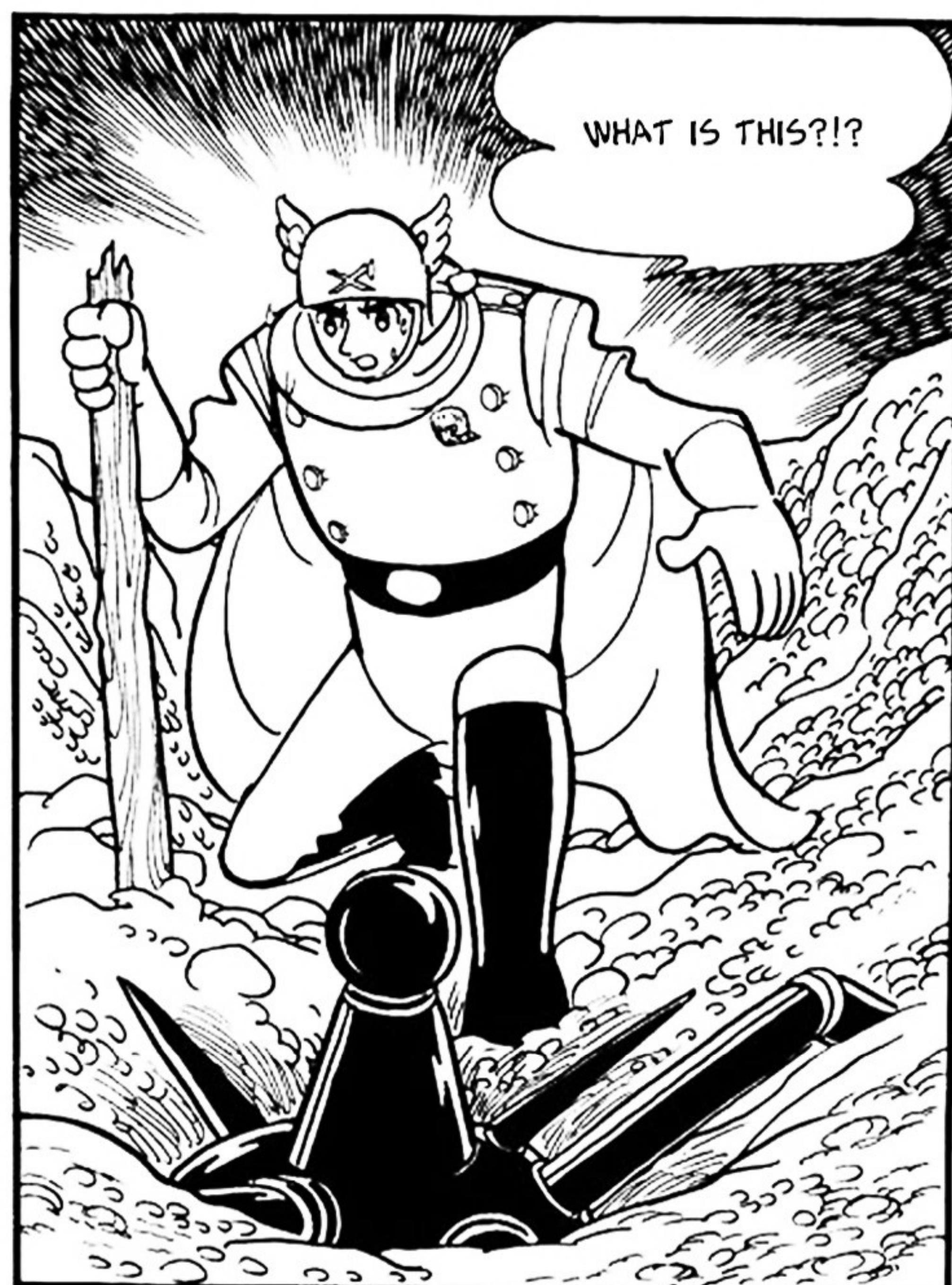

IF YOU DON'T DIG UP THE UNDERGROUND AND THOROUGHLY REMOVE THE ROOTS, IT WILL KEEP GROWING BACK

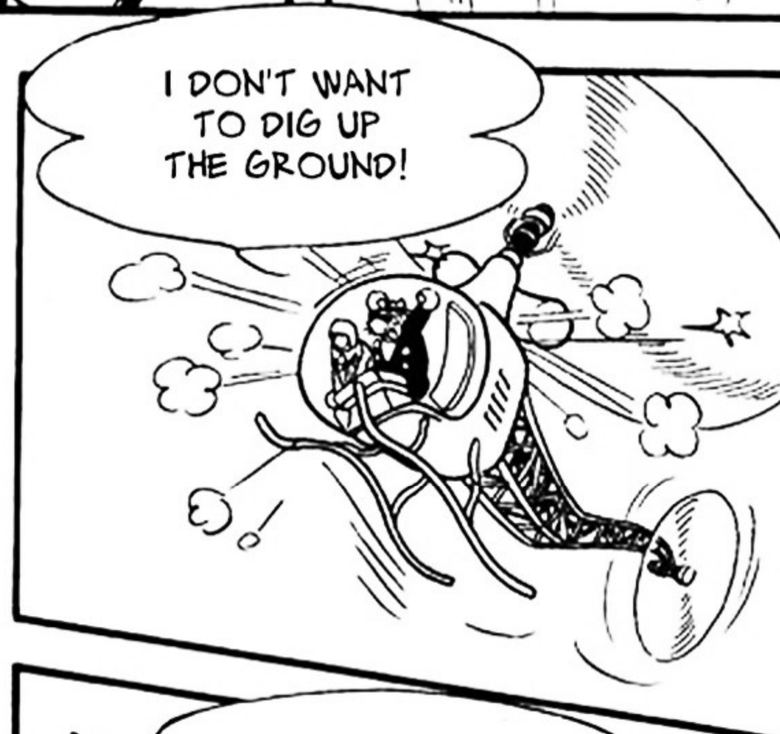

I WANT TO SEND IN THE ARMY RIGHT AWAY AND HAVE IT BURNED


BUT DR, IF YOU DON'T DIG UNDERGROUND, YOU'LL NEVER GET RID OF IT

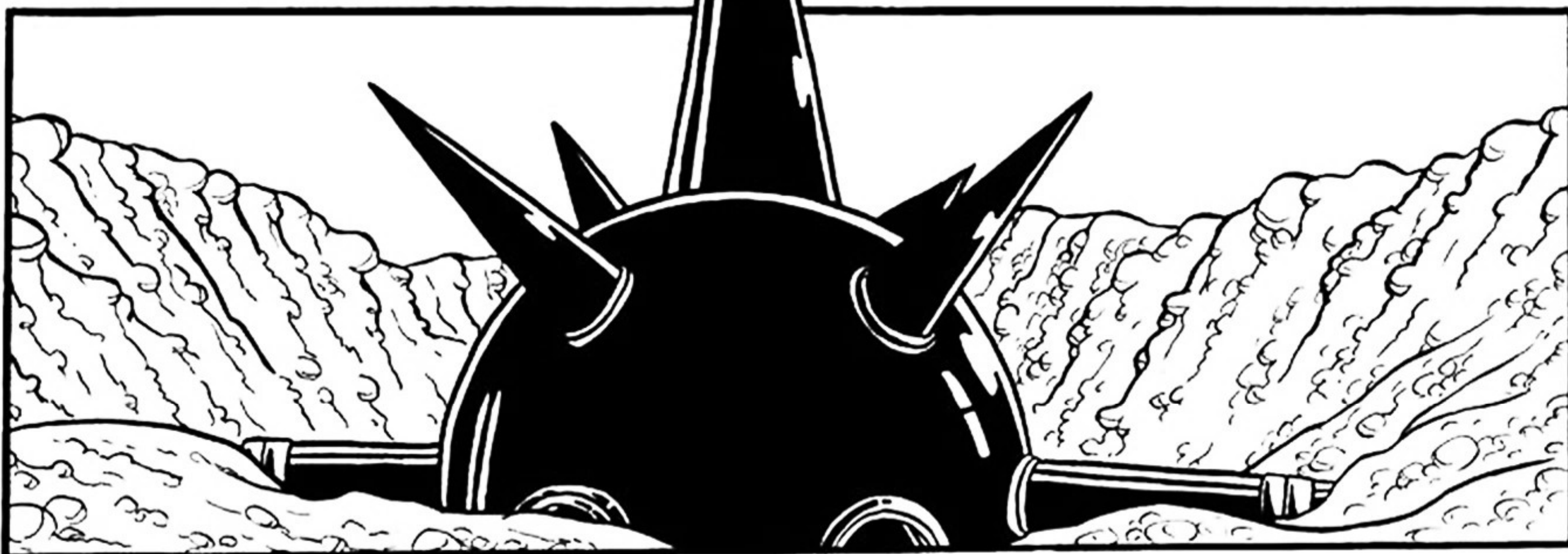

NO, NO, NO! I WON'T ALLOW IT!

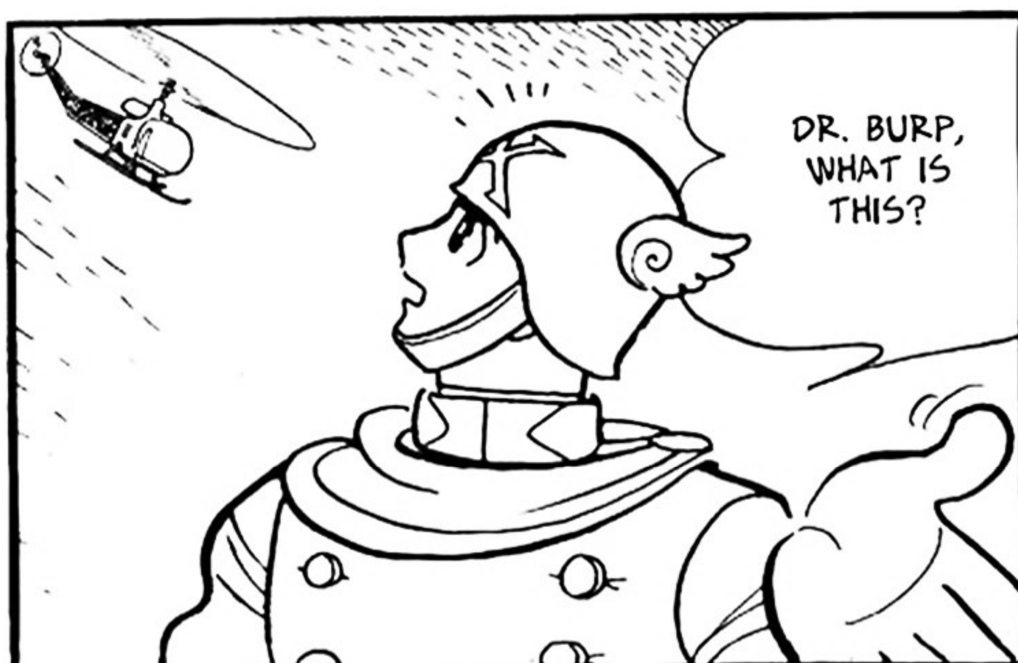

YOU WANT ME TO DIG UP THE WHOLE PLACE??

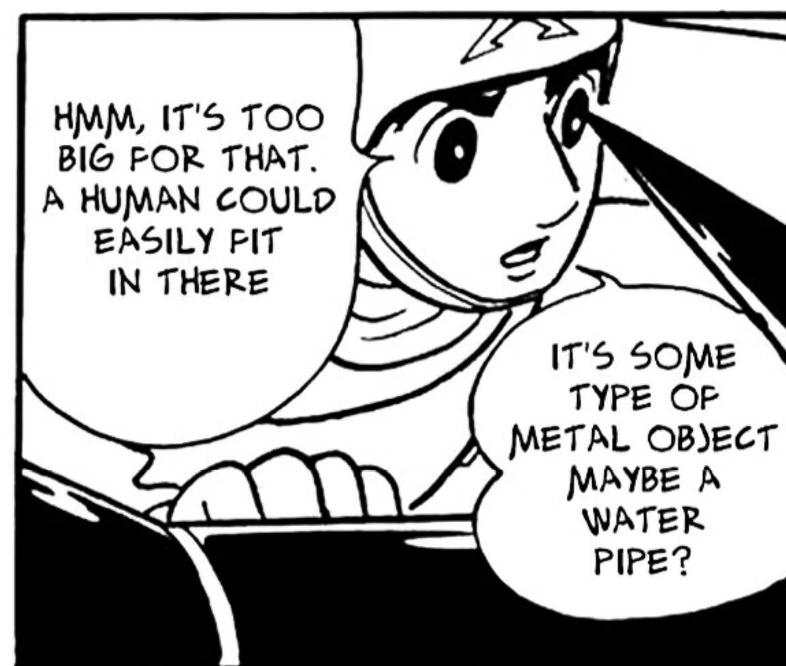

WHAT IS THIS?!?


I DON'T WANT TO DIG UP THE GROUND!

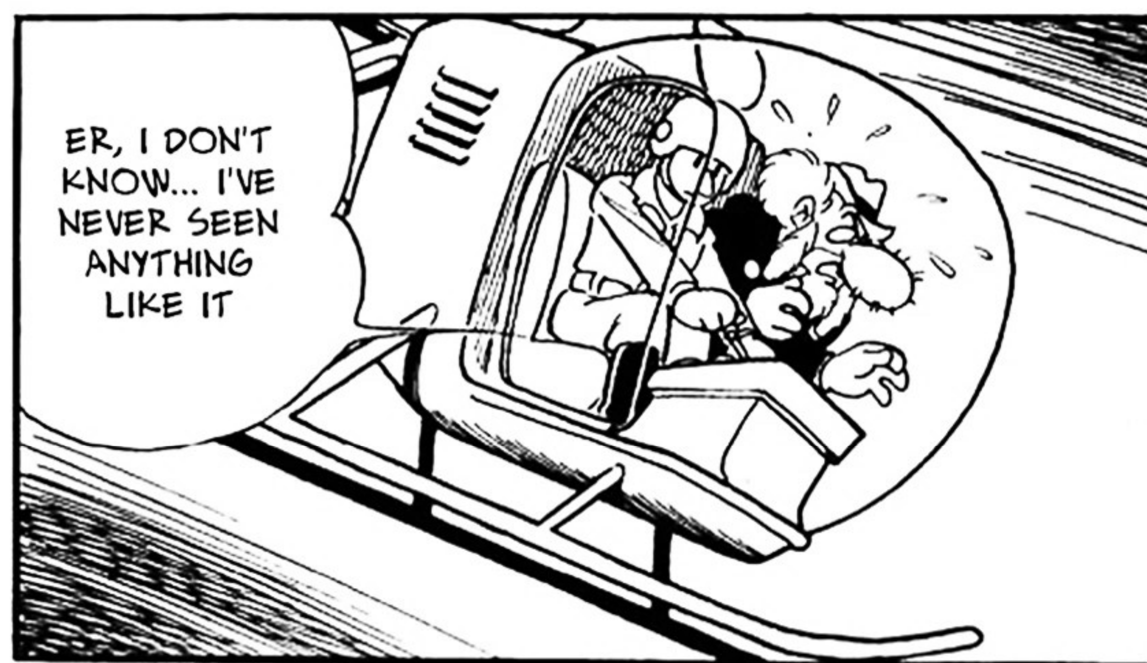

WELL, NO MATTER WHAT I'LL DO A QUICK CHECK




DR. BURP, WHAT IS THIS?


HMM, IT'S TOO BIG FOR THAT. A HUMAN COULD EASILY FIT IN THERE
IT'S SOME TYPE OF METAL OBJECT MAYBE A WATER PIPE?

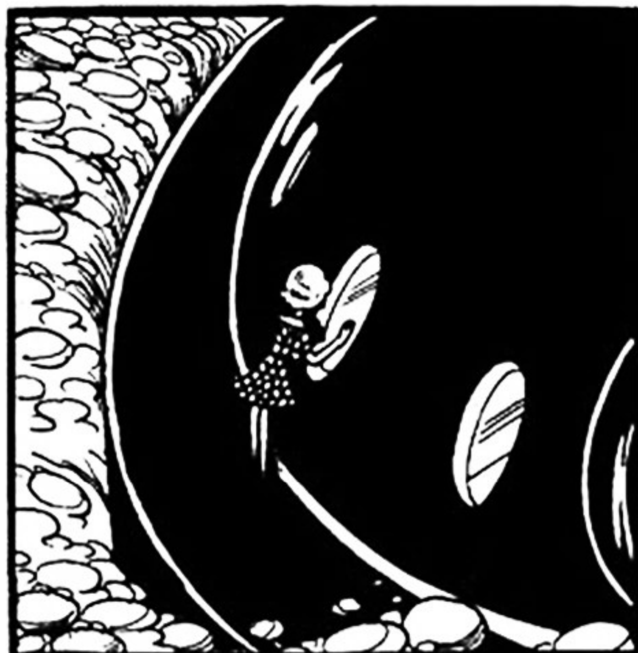

AKIRA, LET ME DOWN

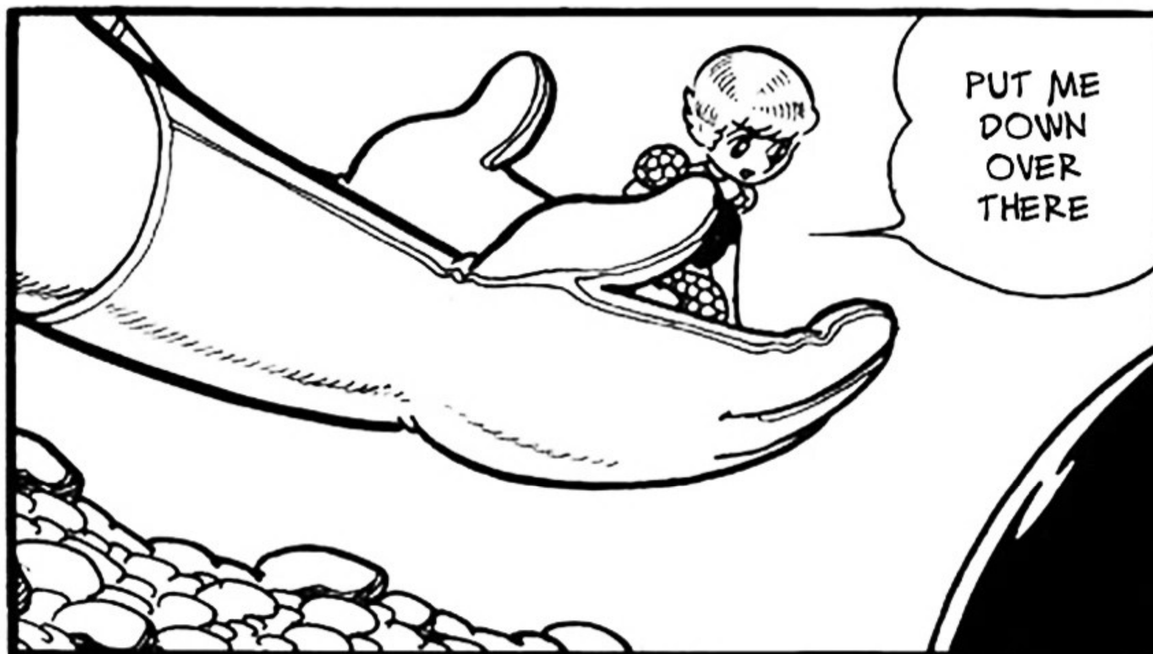

ER, I DON'T KNOW... I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT

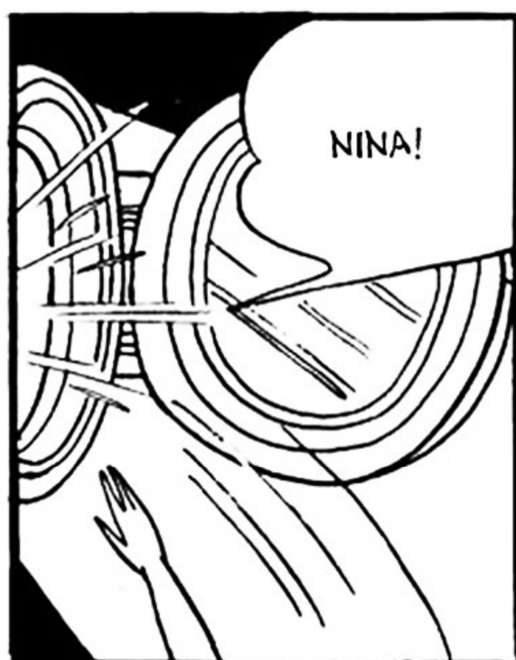

LOOK OVER THERE. DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE IT HAS WINDOWS?

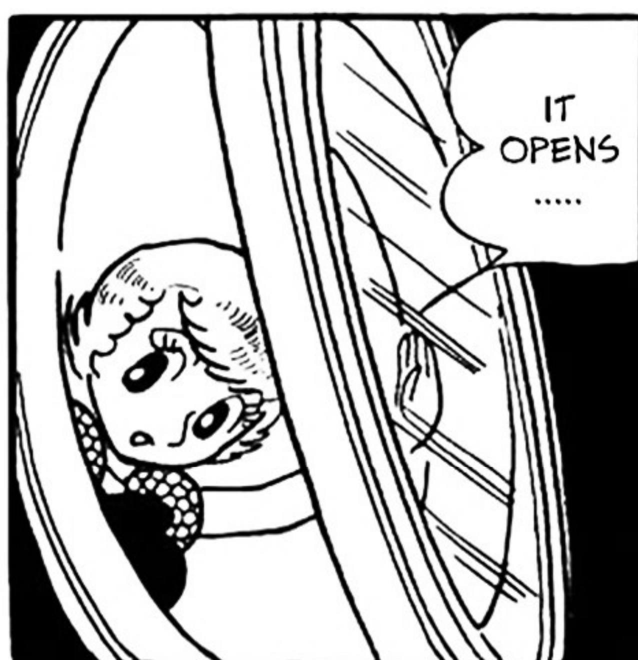

I'M GOING TO TRY AND GET IN THERE


WHAT'S UP?




PUT ME DOWN OVER THERE

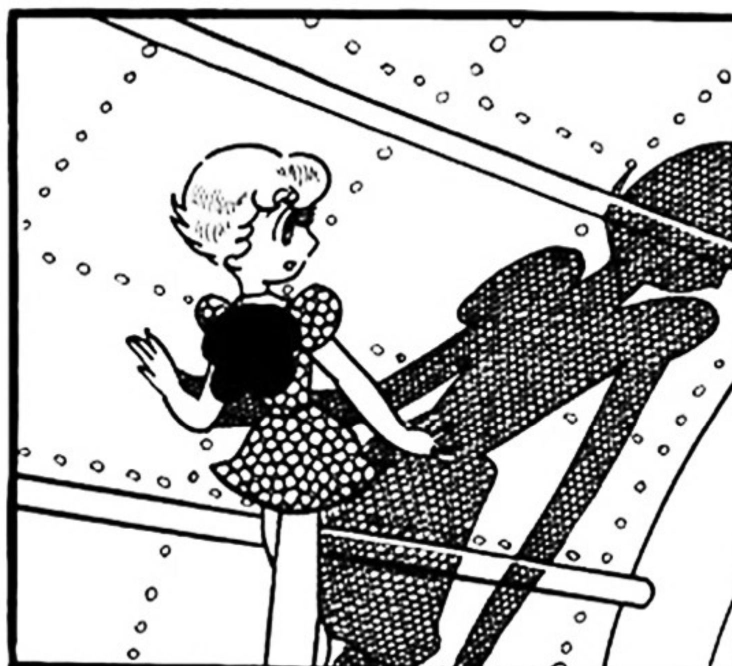

NINA!


IT OPENS .....

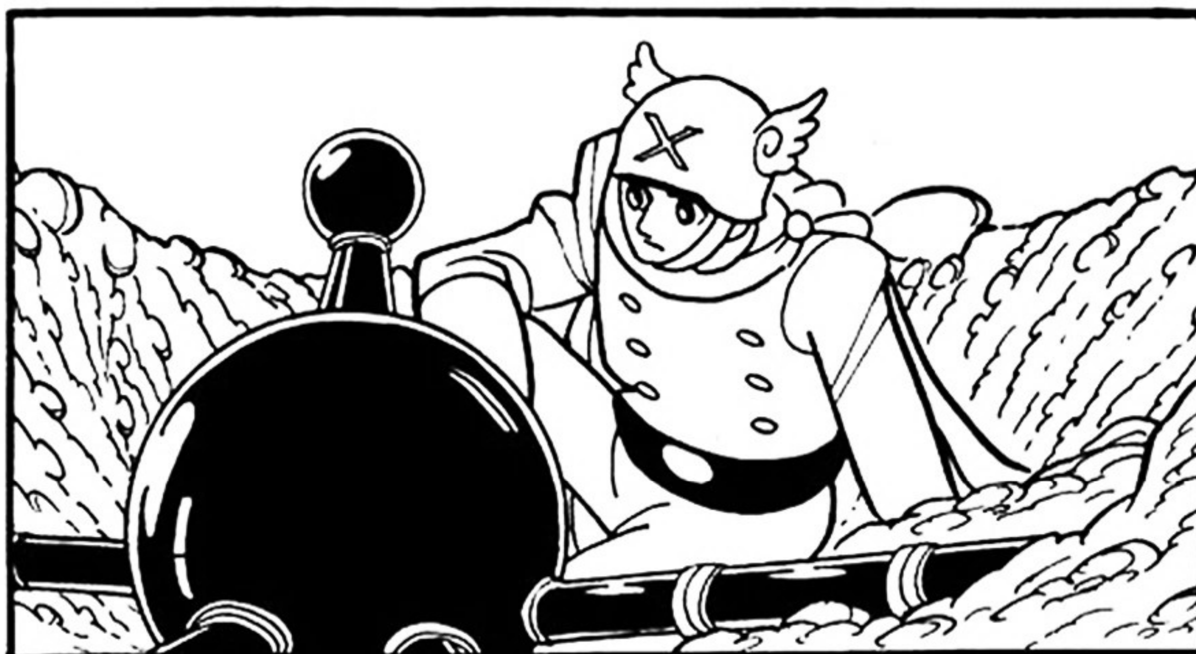

IT'S LIKE THERE'S A HALLWAY INSIDE... WEIRD!


MMMMMMMFFFF

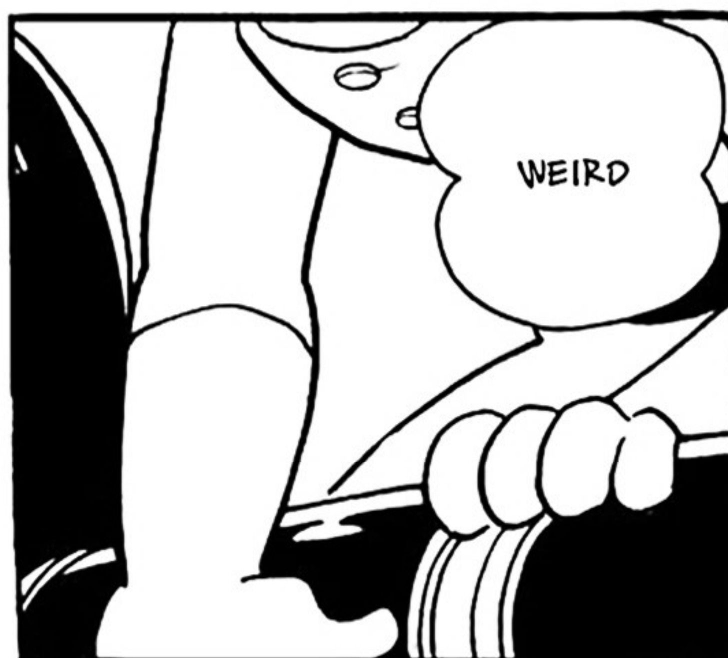

I KNEW IT. IT'S A HALLWAY. THERE MUST BE SOME-THING DOWN HERE... LIKE A BASEMENT

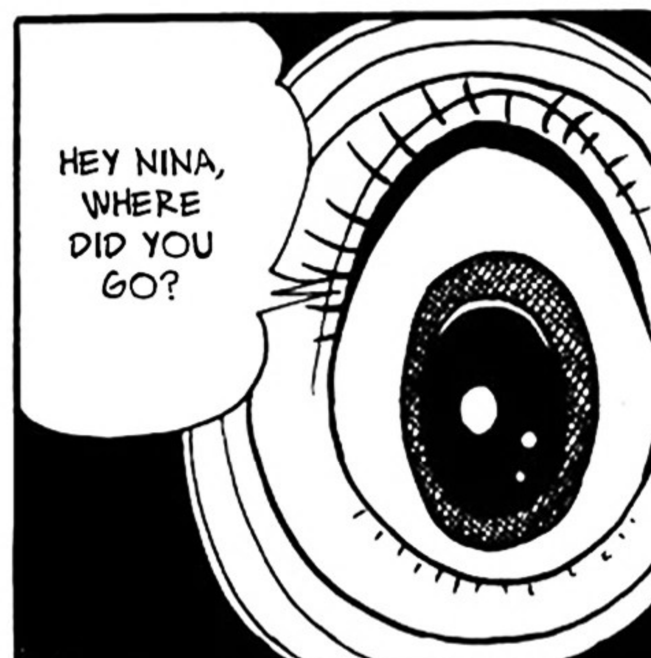



NINA?




SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED TO HER IN THERE

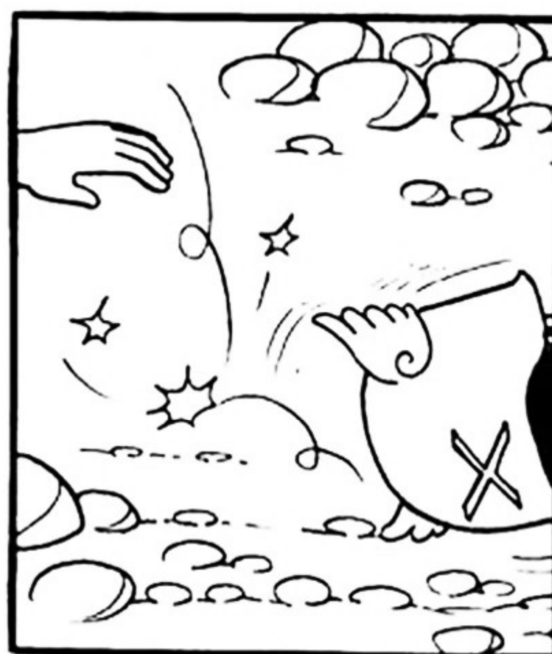

WEIRD


HEY NINA, WHERE DID YOU GO?



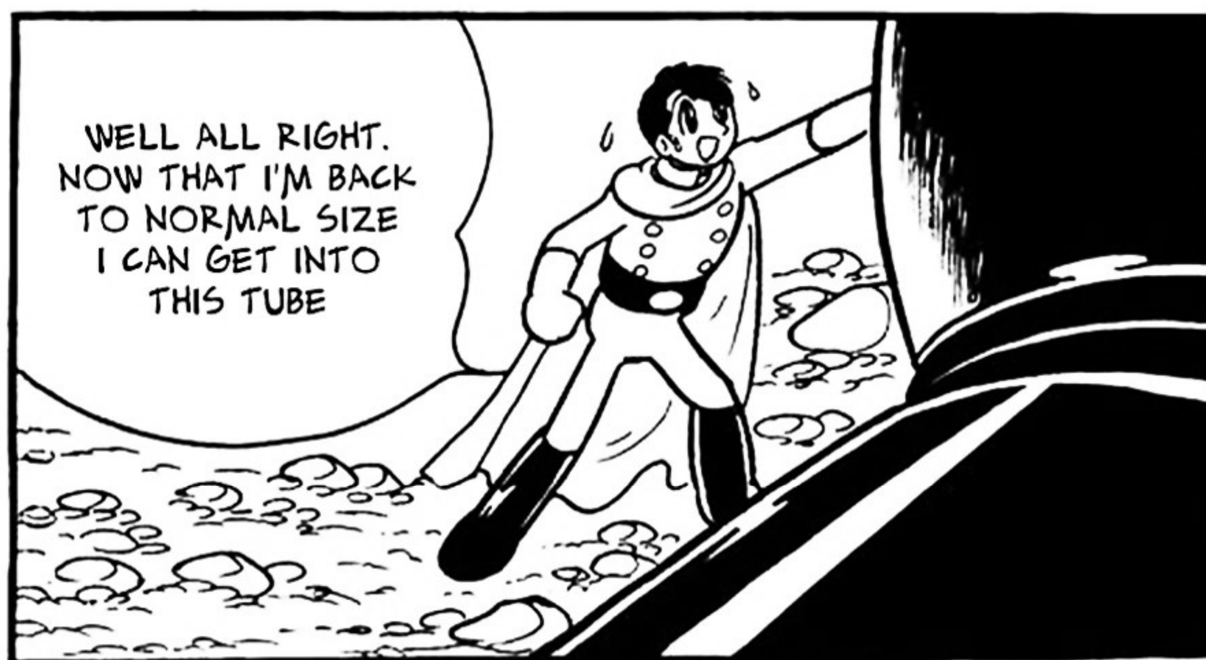

WEIRD... DR. BURP'S HELICOPTER WAS GONE BEFORE I KNEW IT

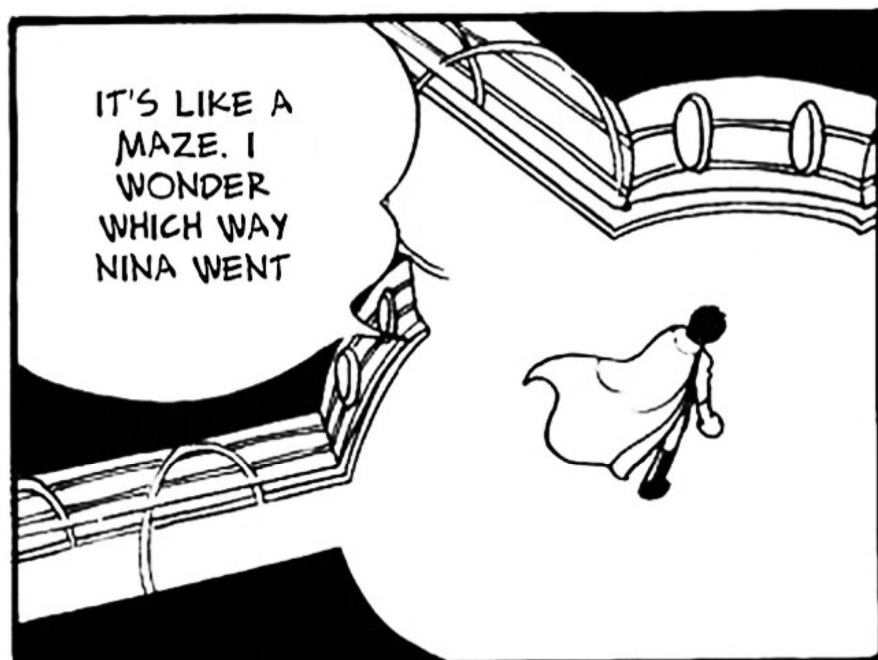

PHEW

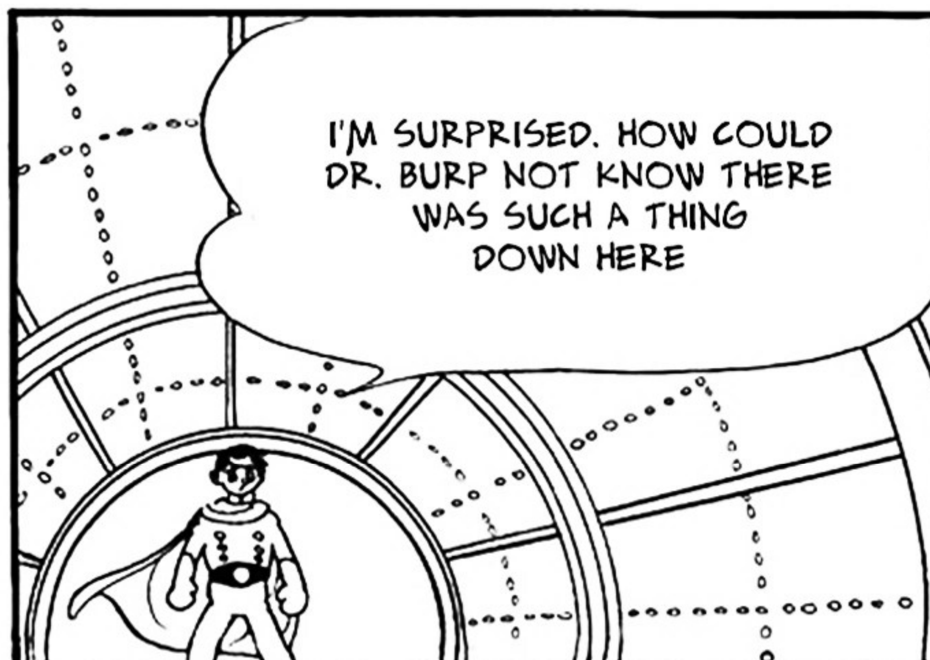





I NEED TO TRACK NINA DOWN

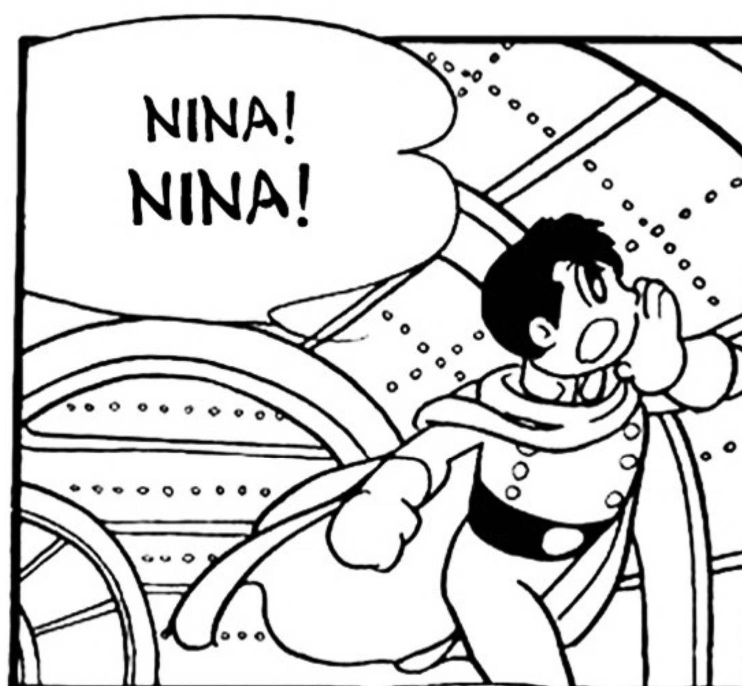

WELL ALL RIGHT. NOW THAT I'M BACK TO NORMAL SIZE I CAN GET INTO THIS TUBE

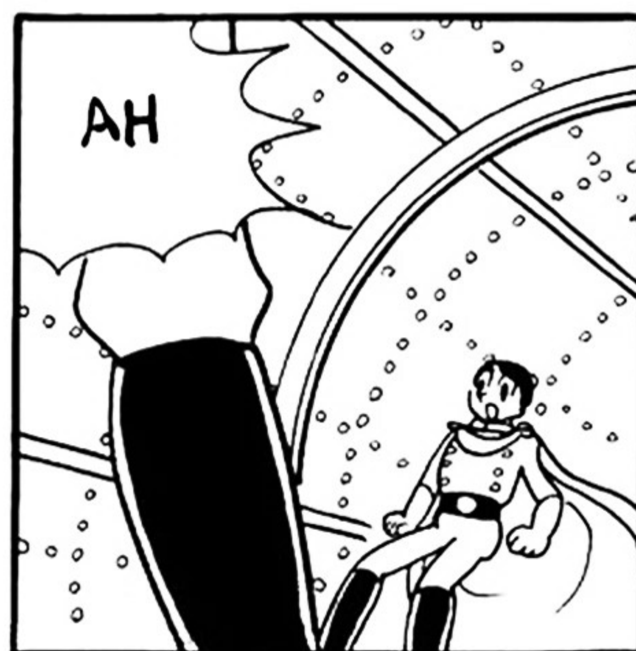

IT'S LIKE A MAZE. I WONDER WHICH WAY NINA WENT


I'M SURPRISED. HOW COULD DR. BURP NOT KNOW THERE WAS SUCH A THING DOWN HERE


NINA? WHERE ARE YOU?


AKIRAAA..


NINA! NINA!

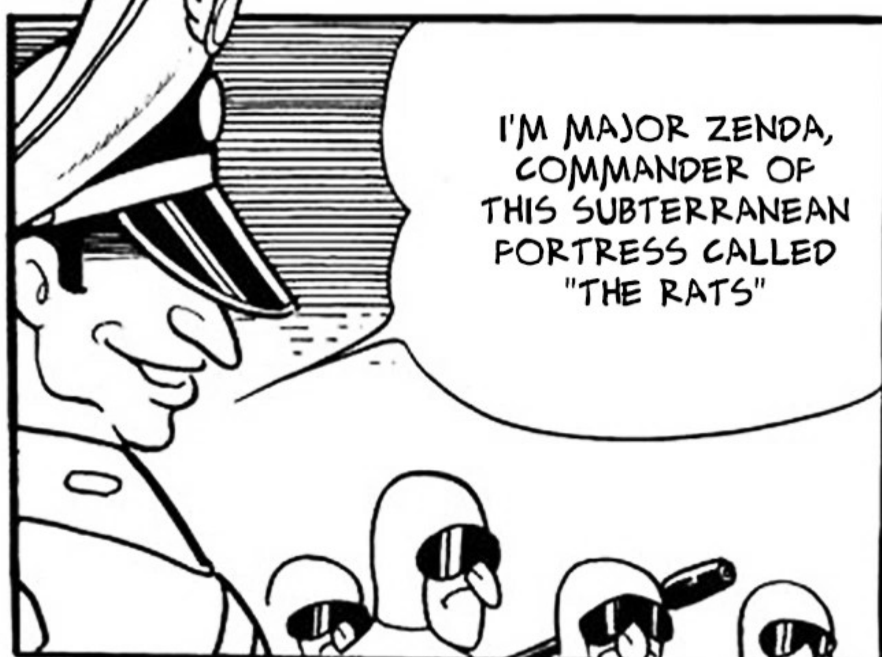

AH


NINA..

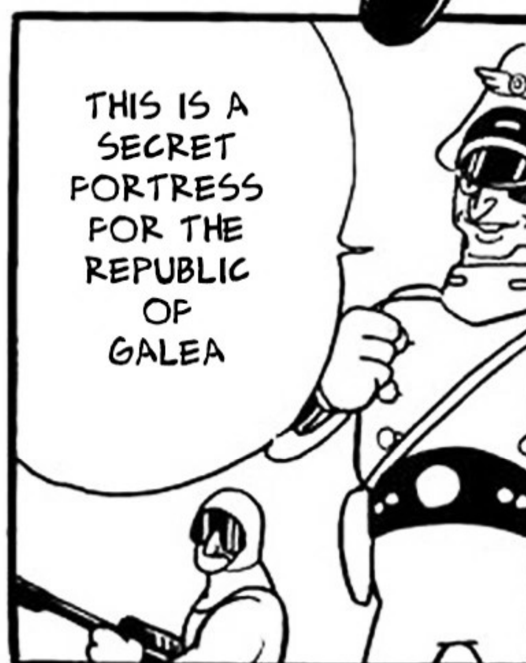

THAT WAS A SCREAM. I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG!


HEH HEH HEH
I WAS EXPECTING YOU TO COME TO NINA'S RESCUE


AKIRA, WELCOME
WHAT? YOU GUYS ARE...


I'M MAJOR ZENDA, COMMANDER OF THIS SUBTERRANEAN FORTRESS CALLED "THE RATS"

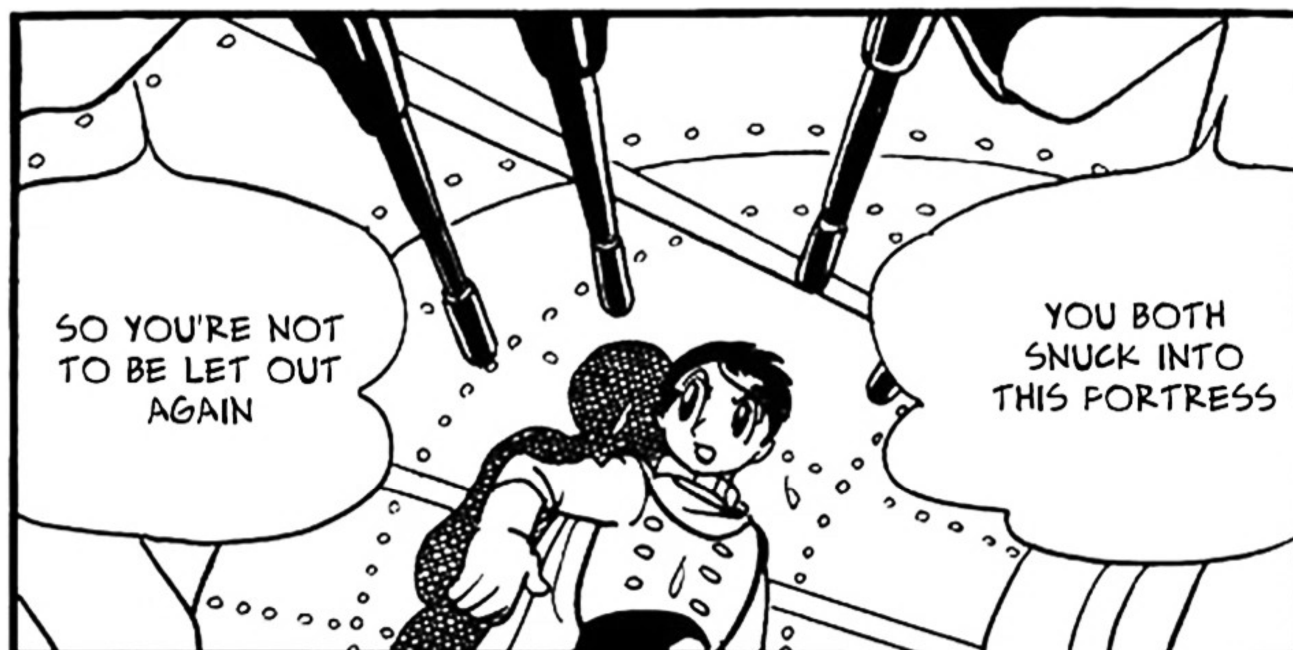

YOU'RE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE FOUND ONE OF THESE.. OR MAYBE I SHOULD SAY "UNLUCKY"


THIS IS A SECRET FORTRESS FOR THE REPUBLIC OF GALEA


UNDER-GROUND FORTRESS
WHAT IS "THE RATS"?


I'LL LET YOU SEE HER IF YOU WISH

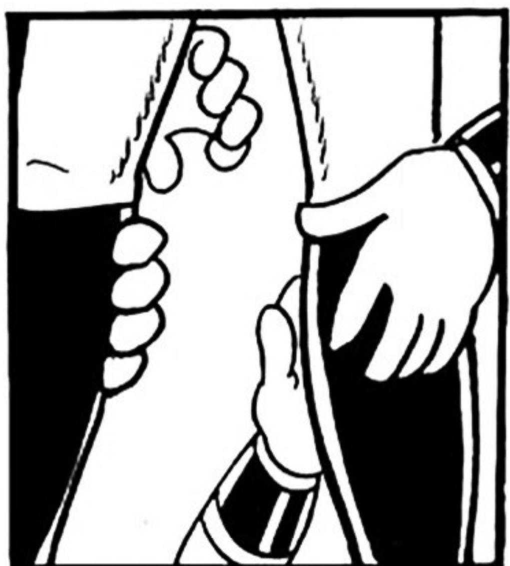

YOU'RE THE ONES WHO TOOK NINA AWAY. GIVE HER BACK... GET HER BACK HERE NOW!

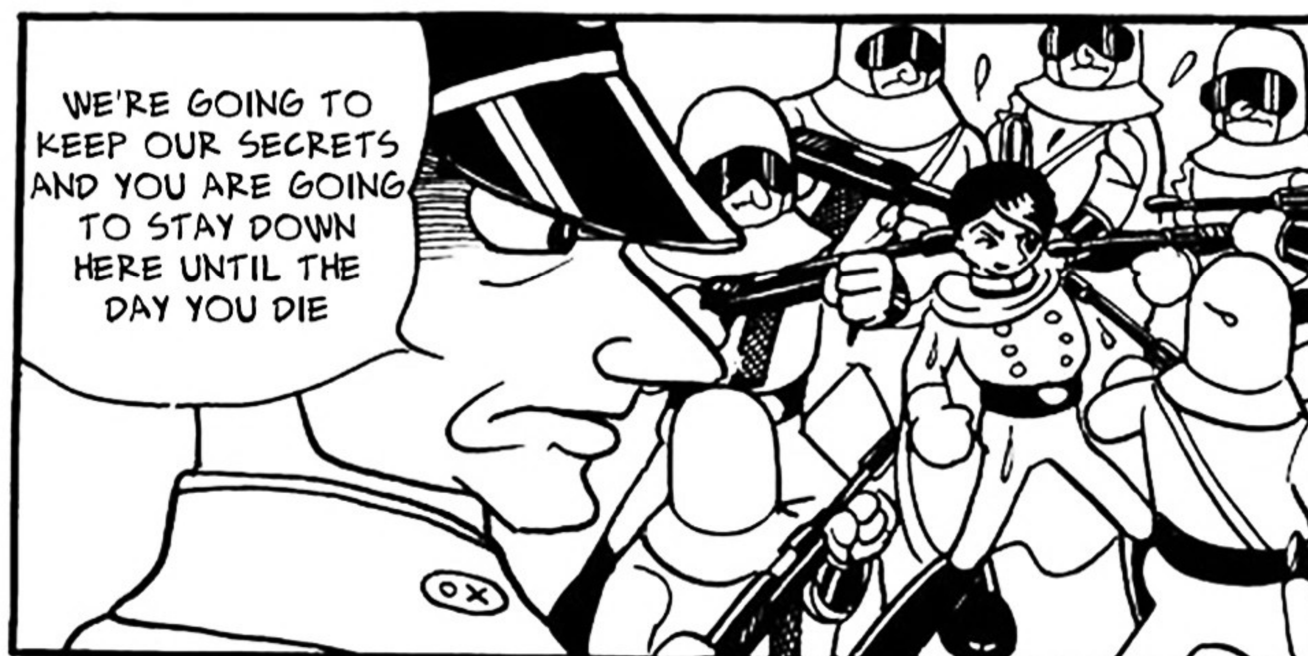

YOU BOTH SNUCK INTO THIS FORTRESS
SO YOU'RE NOT TO BE LET OUT AGAIN


YOU AND NINA ARE INTRUDERS

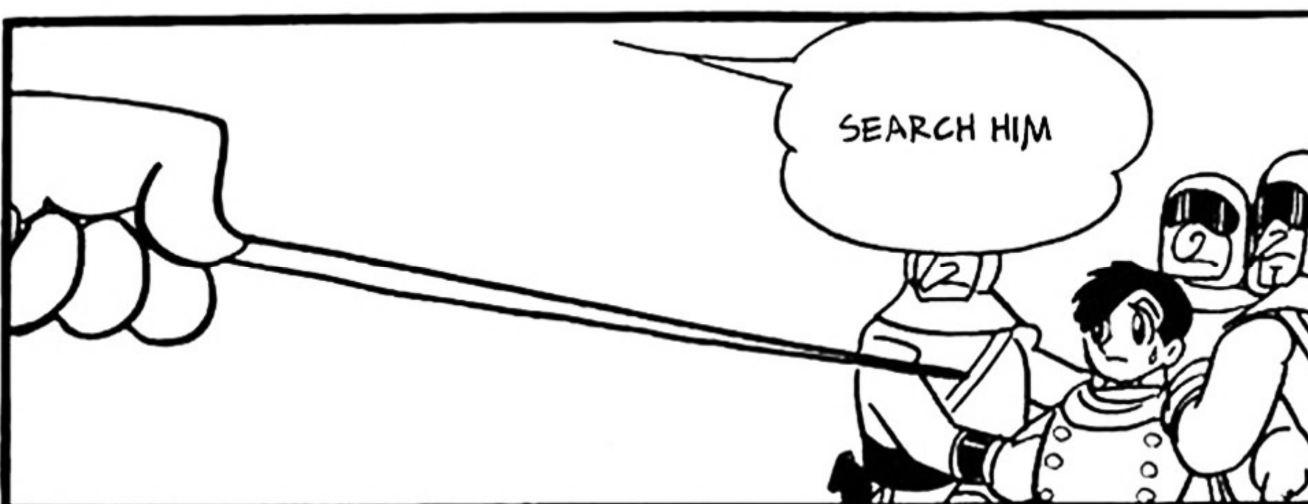



TAKE HIM




WE'RE GOING TO KEEP OUR SECRETS AND YOU ARE GOING TO STAY DOWN HERE UNTIL THE DAY YOU DIE




SEARCH HIM


HE'S GOT NOTHING!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "NOTHING"?



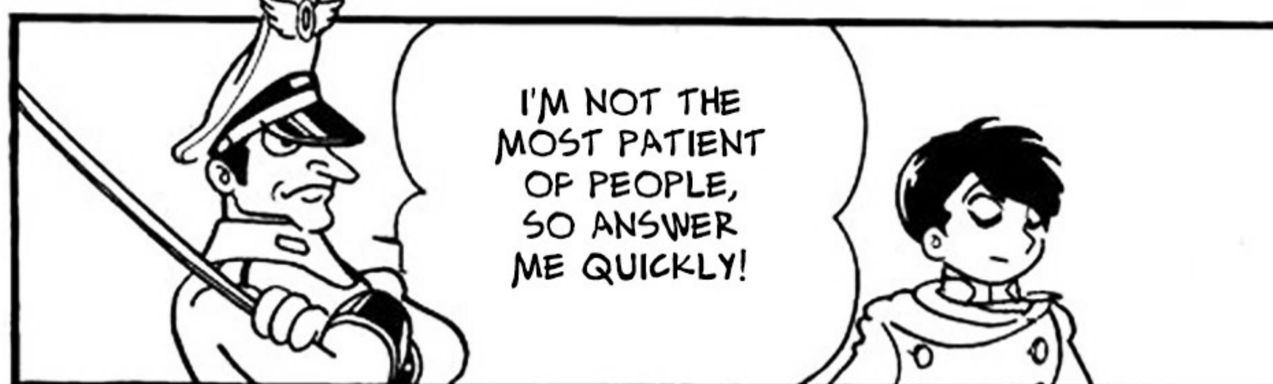


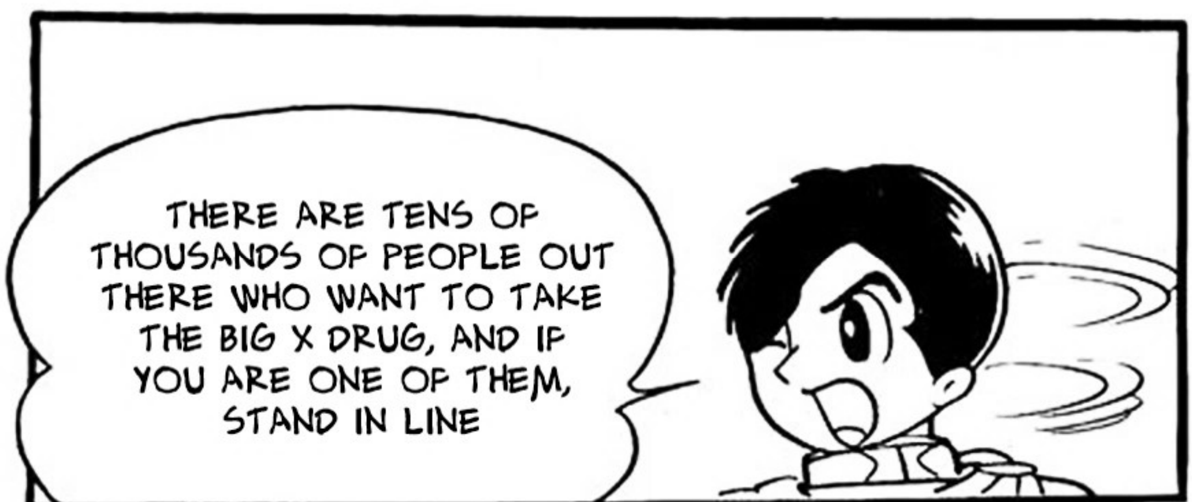

WHERE IS IT?


YOU MUST HAVE THE BIG X DRUG ON YOU, RIGHT?
DON'T YOU AKIRA?
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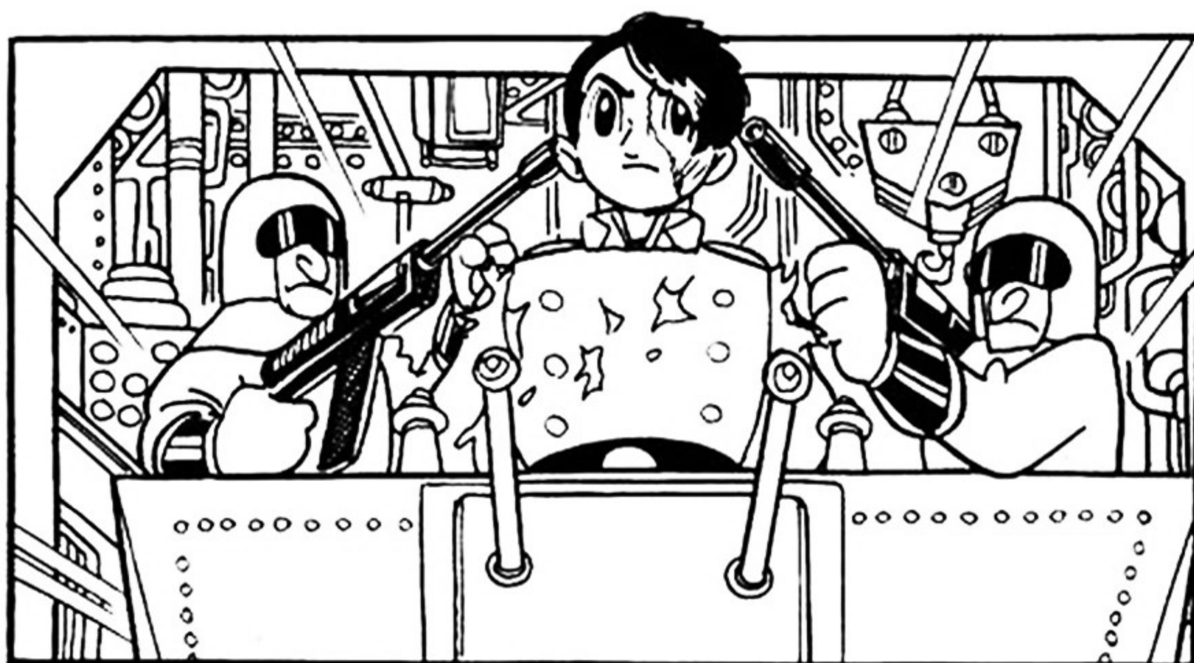

BETWEEN YOU AND ME... I'LL LET YOU GO IF YOU GIVE ME THE BIG X DRUG
MAYBE WE'D HELP NINA OUT?


WHERE? DON'T BE STUBBORN. TELL ME!


I'M NOT THE MOST PATIENT OF PEOPLE, SO ANSWER ME QUICKLY!

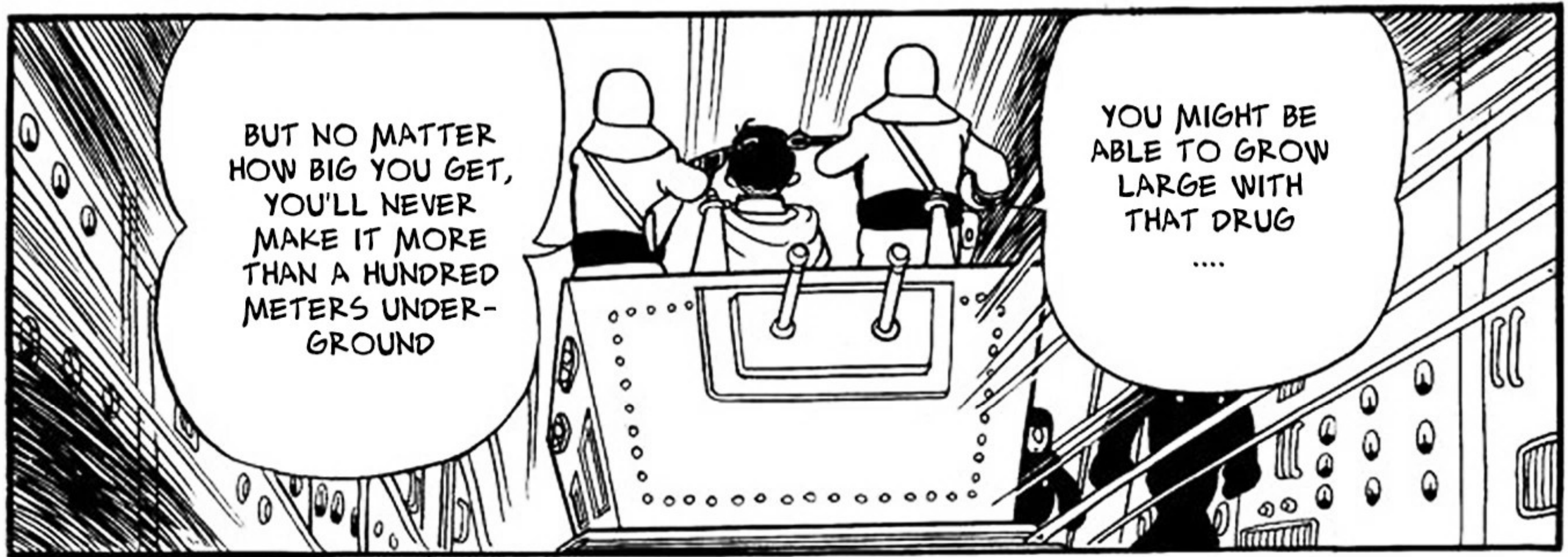

THERE ARE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO WANT TO TAKE THE BIG X DRUG, AND IF YOU ARE ONE OF THEM, STAND IN LINE

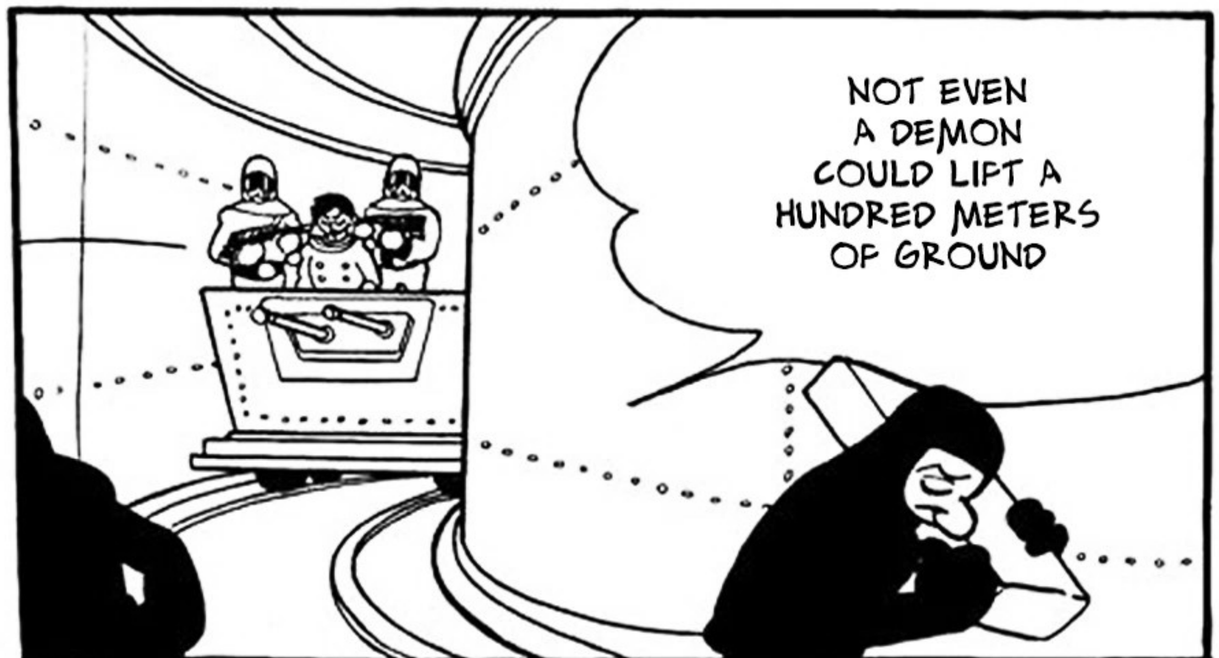





FINE... YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET IT


YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STOP THIS

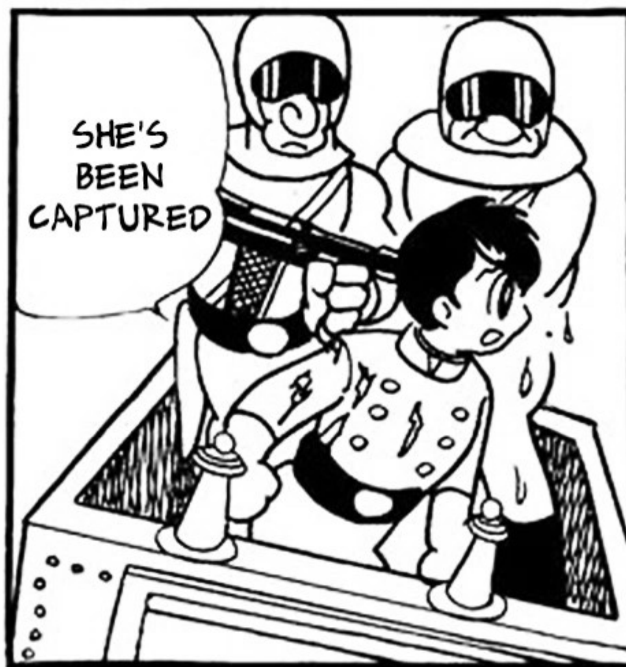

YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO GROW LARGE WITH THAT DRUG ....
BUT NO MATTER HOW BIG YOU GET, YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT MORE THAN A HUNDRED METERS UNDER-GROUND

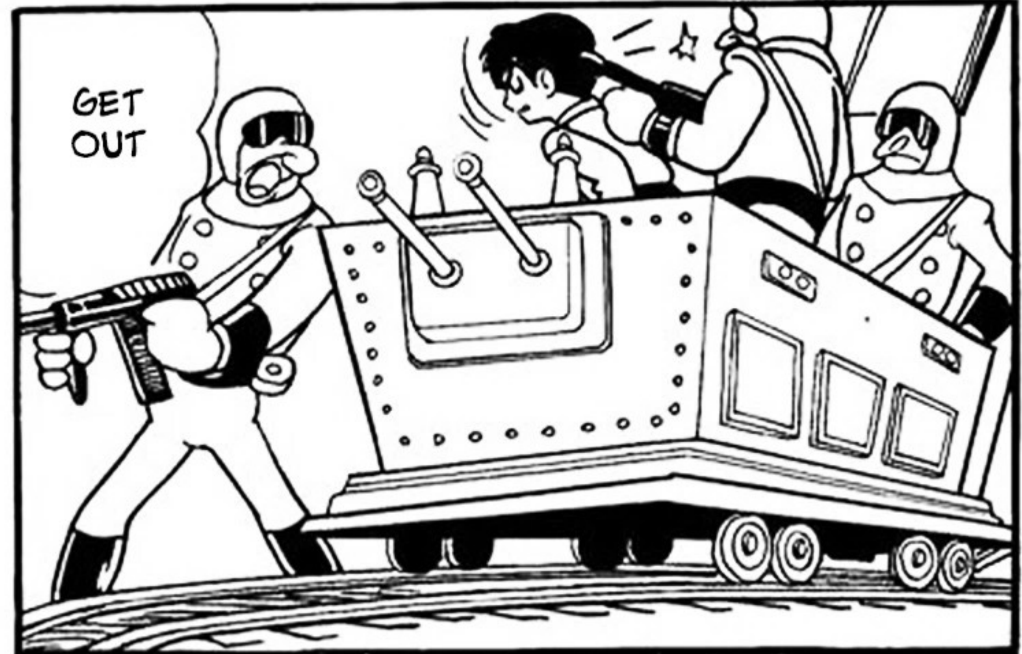

NOT EVEN A DEMON COULD LIFT A HUNDRED METERS OF GROUND


WHAT'S WITH THOSE BLACK SUITS?
THEY ARE YOUR PEOPLE


OH! NINA!

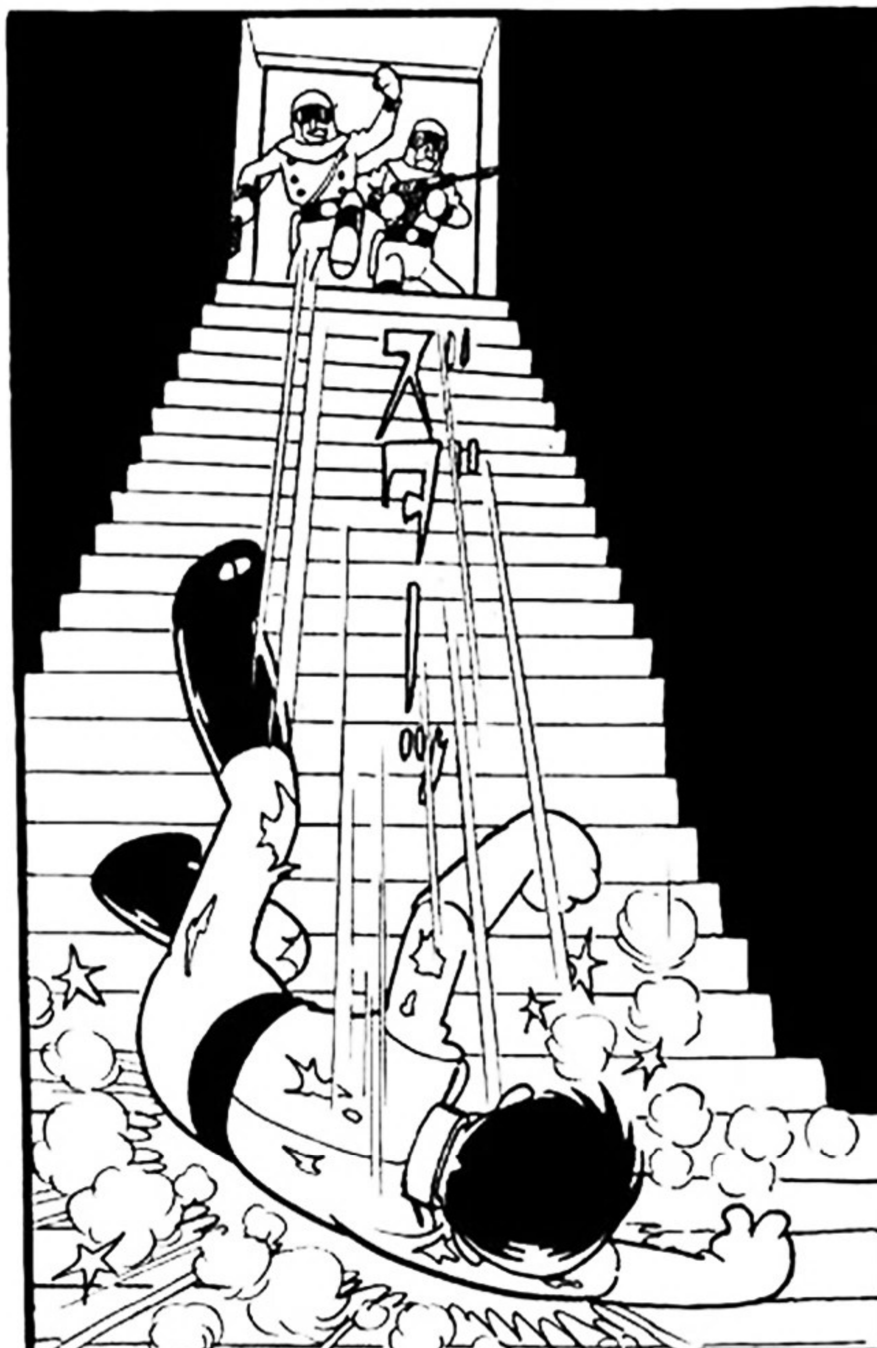


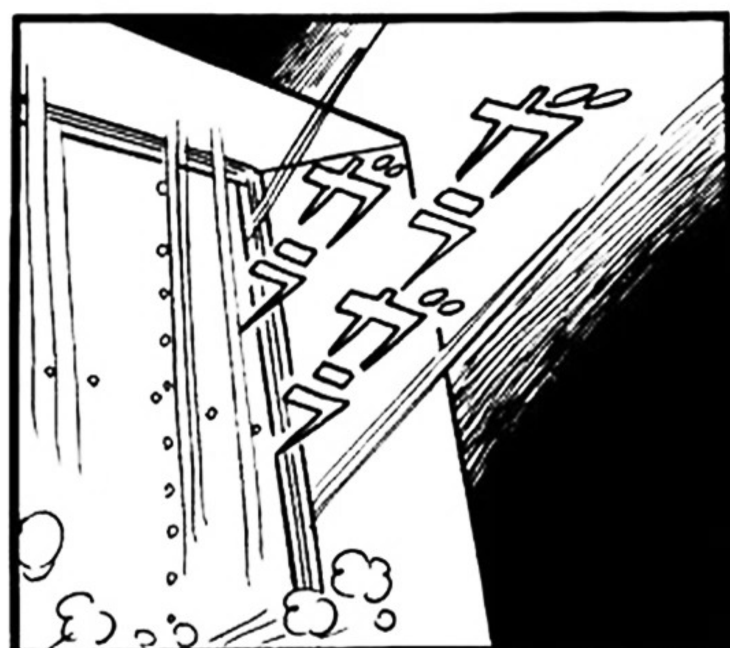

SHE'S BEEN CAPTURED

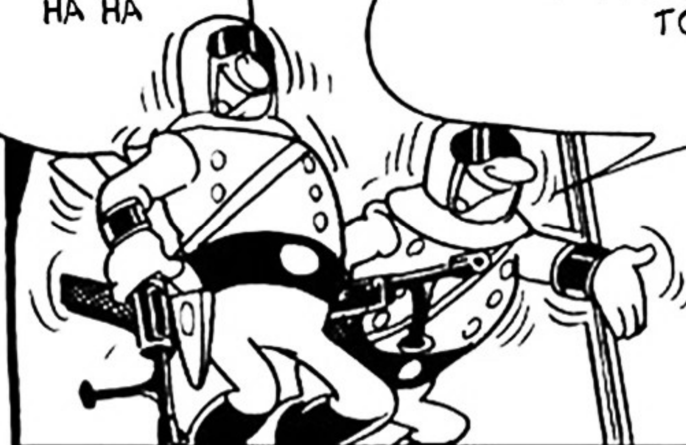

GET OUT

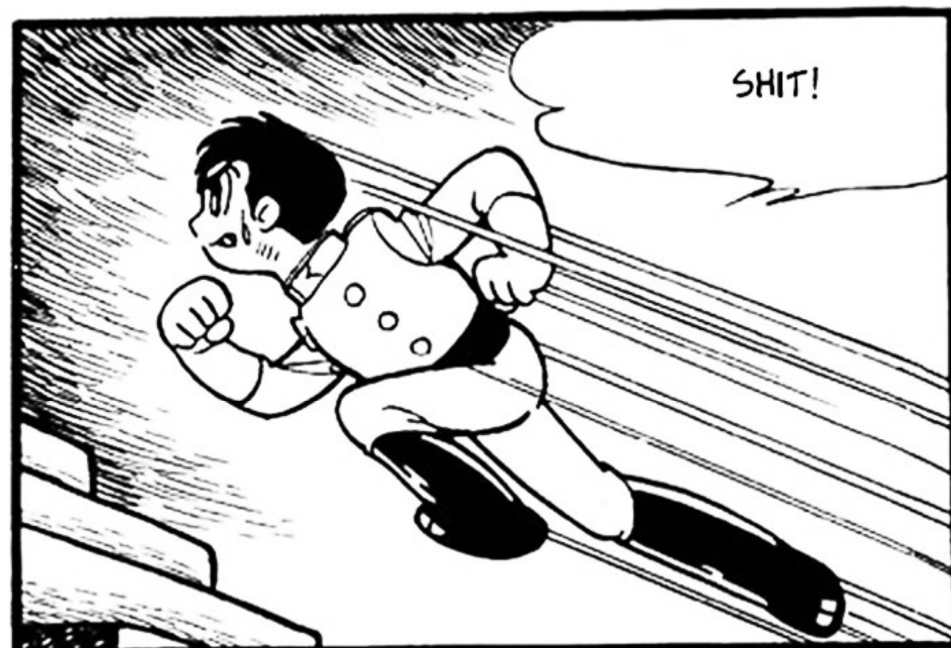

COME ON. THIS IS YOUR ROOM

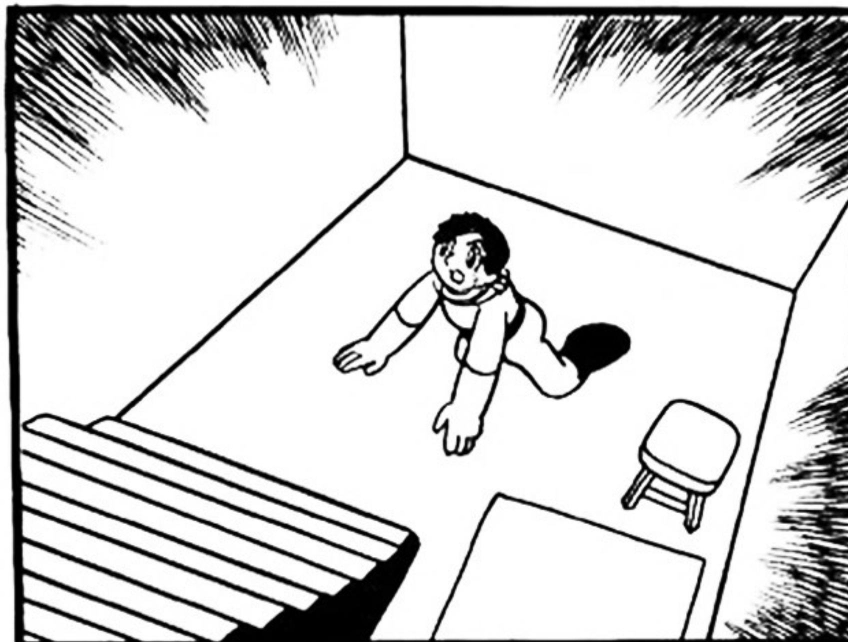

OH, ONE OTHER THING... I SHOULD TELL YOU THAT THE WALLS AND CEILINGS AROUND HERE AUTOMATICALLY GENERATE A HIGH-VOLTAGE CURRENT WHEN THEY ARE SUBJECTED TO A FORCE OF MORE THAN A CERTAIN WEIGHT





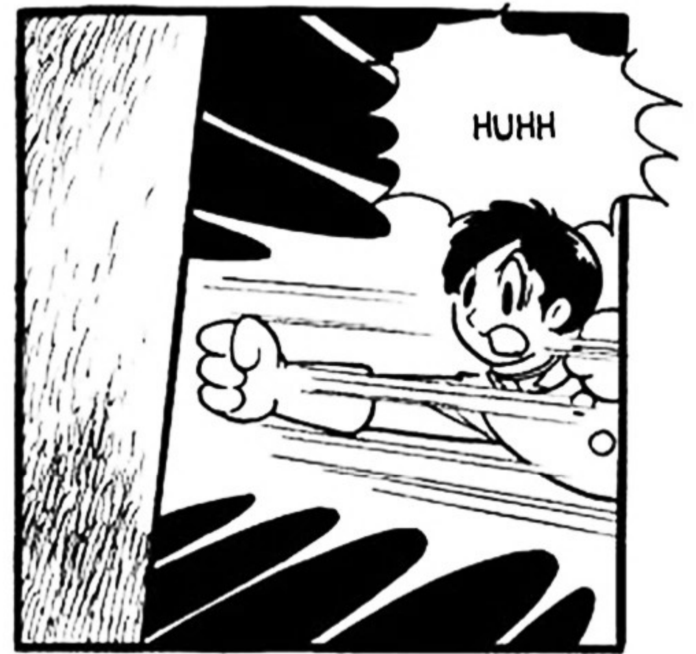

AHHH HA HA HA HA HA
IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU RUN UP AGAINST A WALL, YOU'LL GET TOASTED


SHIT!

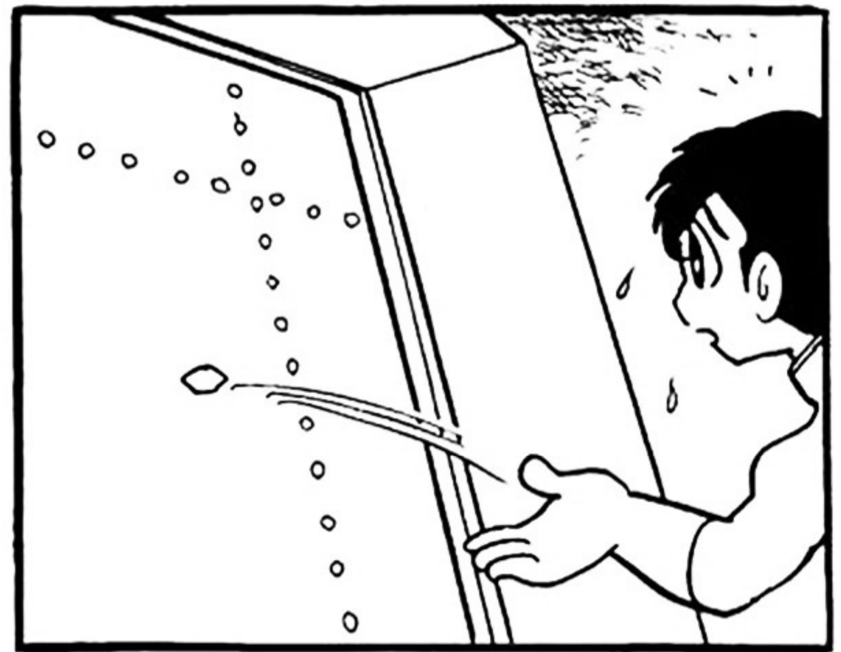





HMM
NOT GOOD

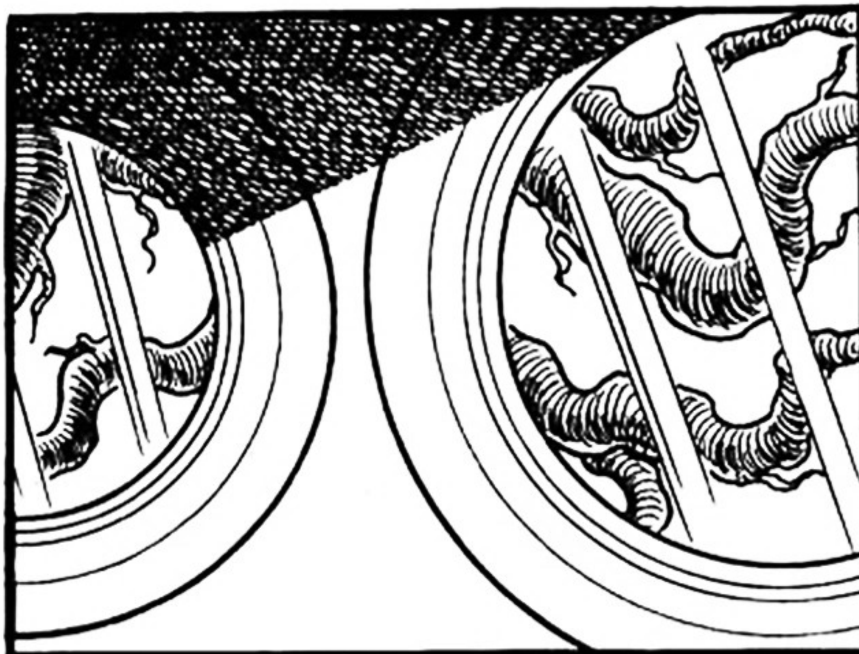

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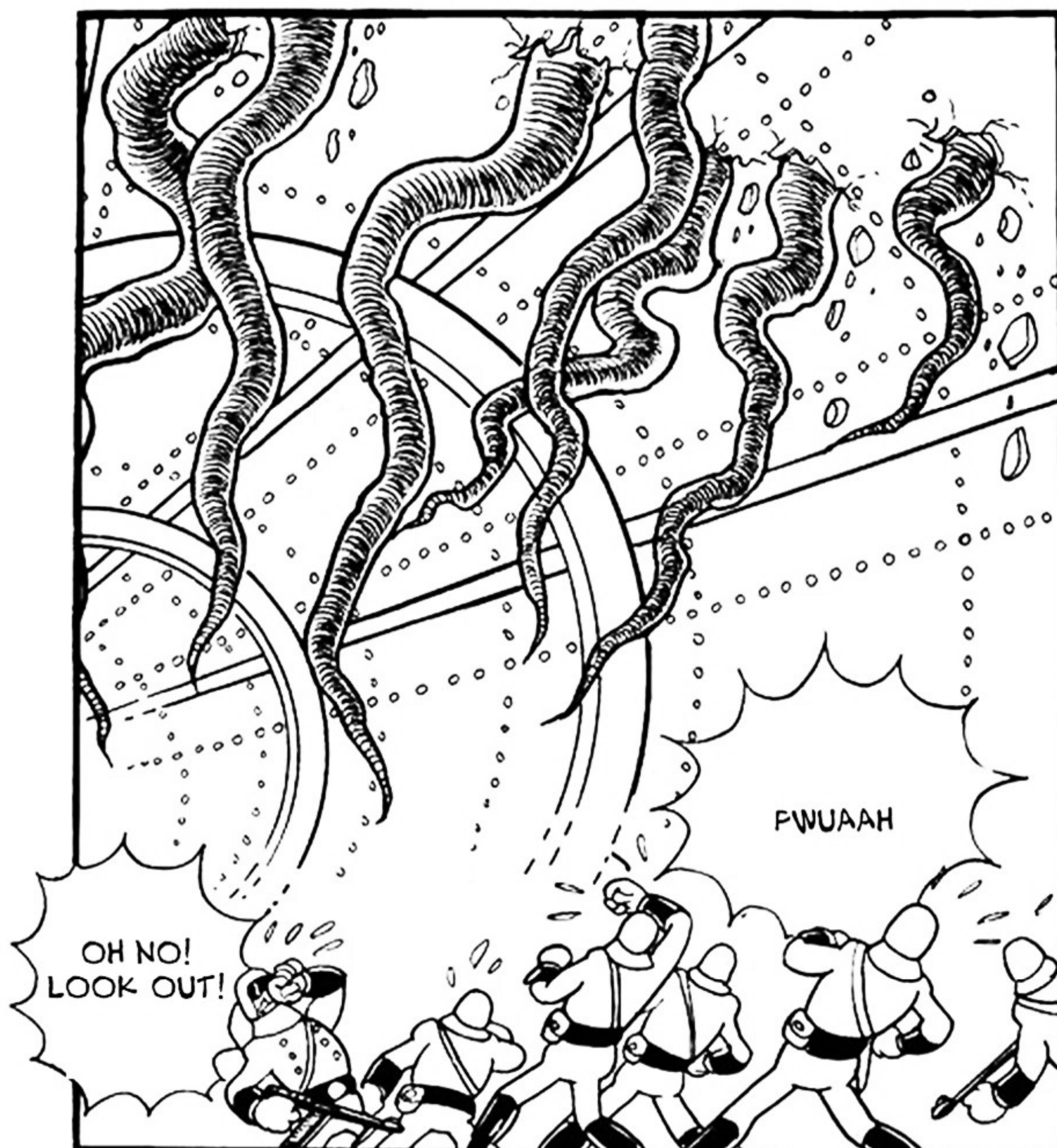


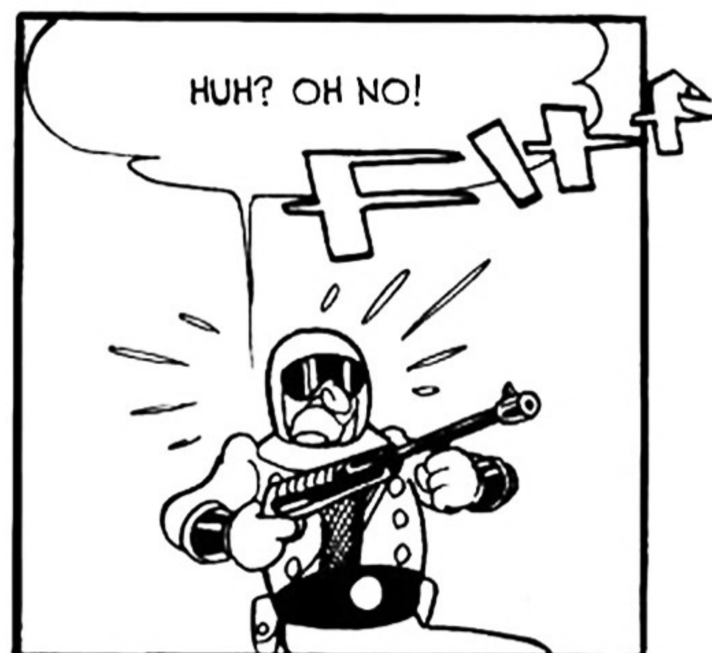

I WONDER
WHAT'S HAPPENING
WITH NINA

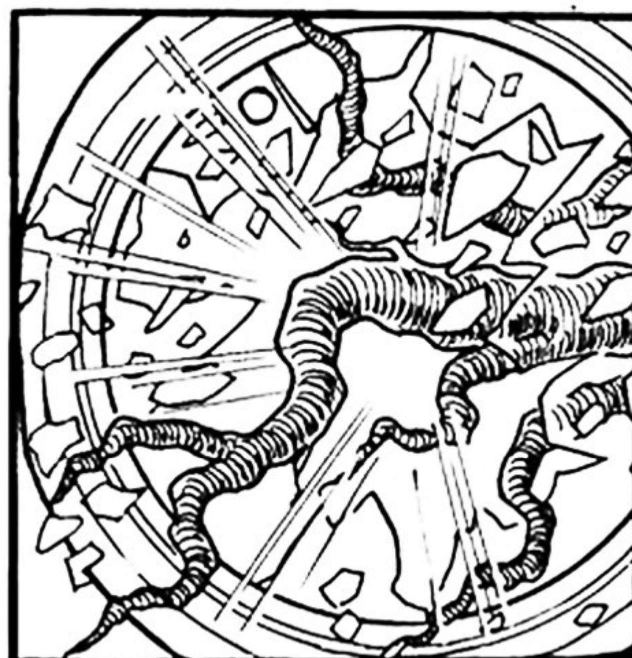

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HE
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TO BAD...
I'M AFRAID THERE'S
NOTHING I CAN DO



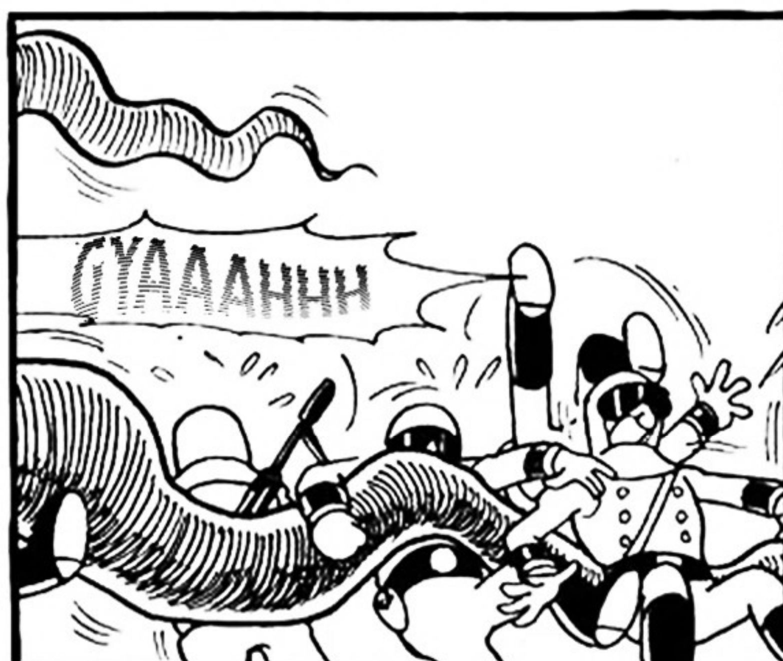



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OH NO! LOOK OUT!

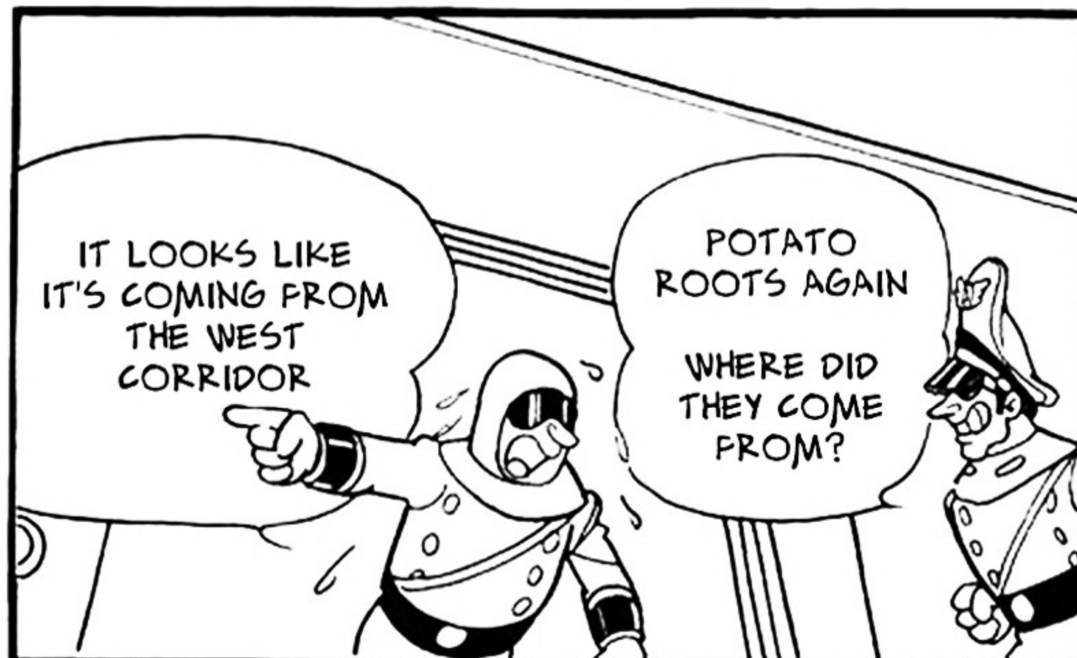

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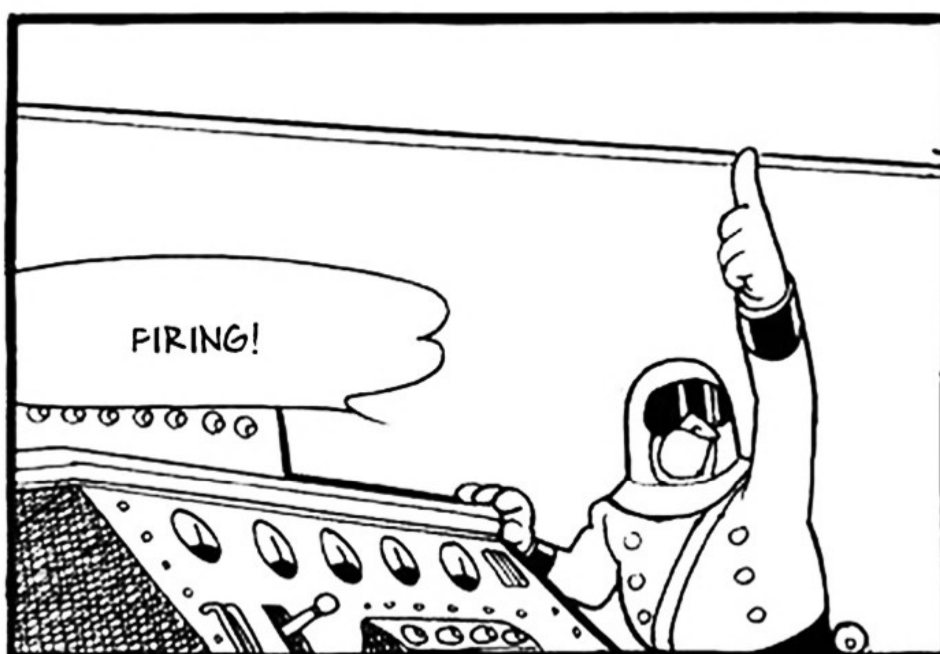





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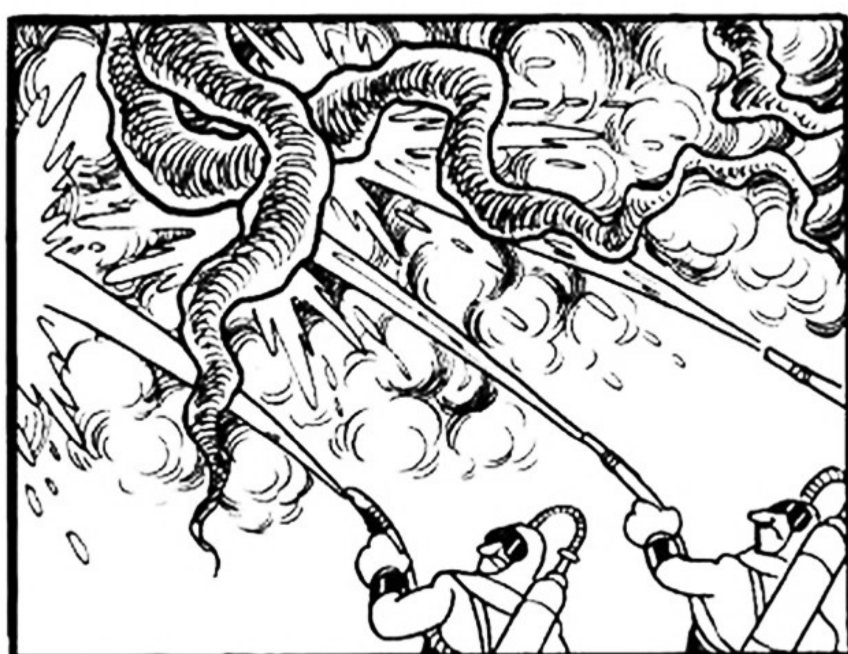

DAMN YOU, YOU LOUSY POTATO! LET'S BLAST IT WITH ACID!


POTATO ROOTS AGAIN
WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S COMING FROM THE WEST CORRIDOR


FIRING!



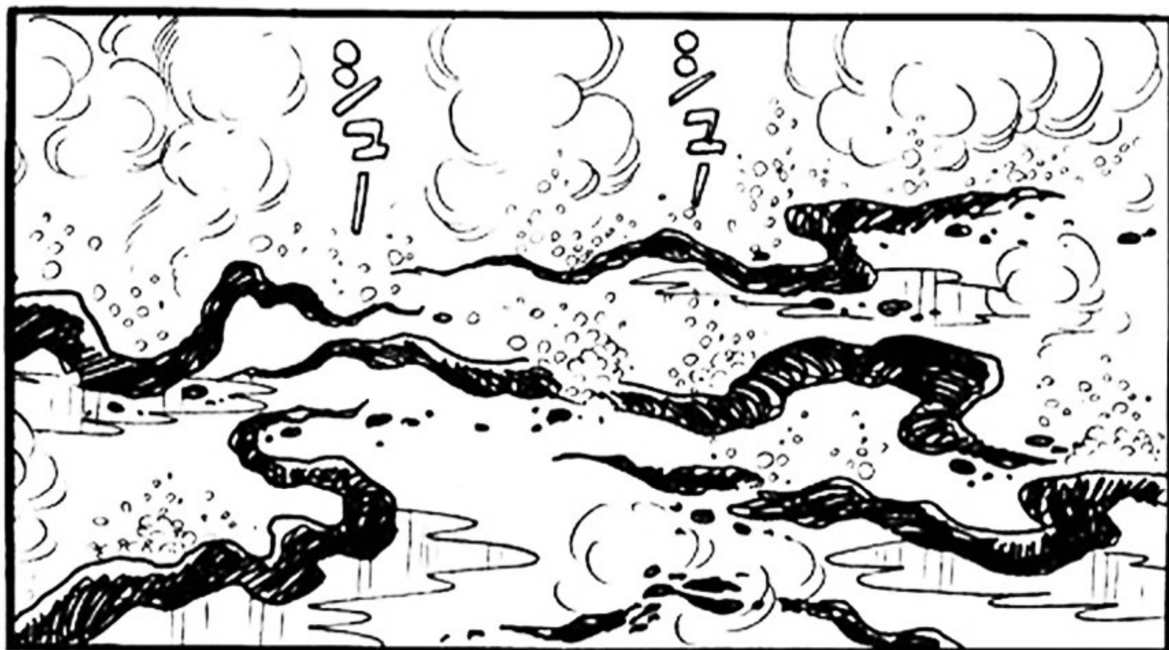

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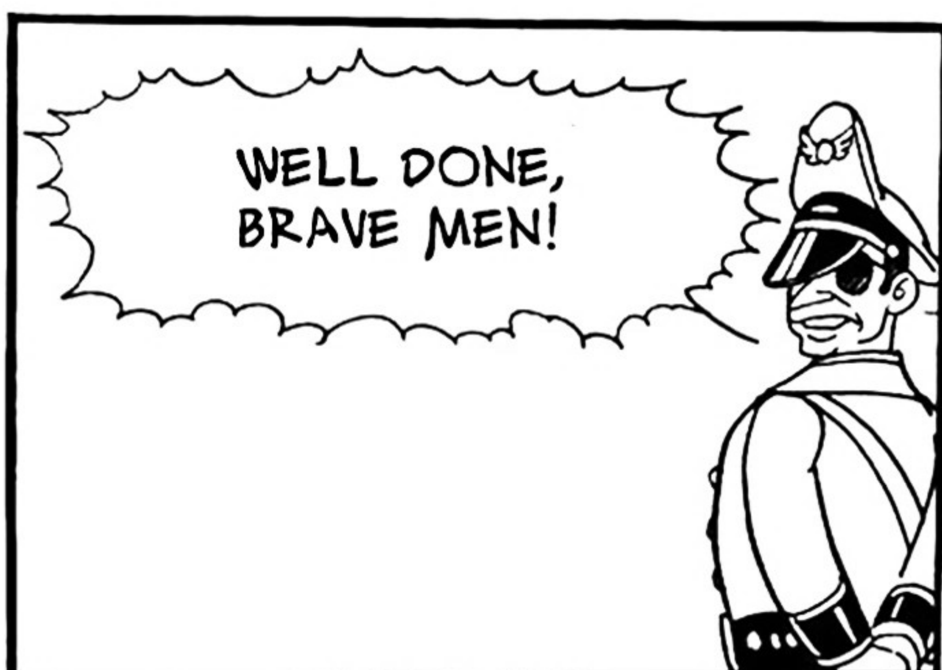

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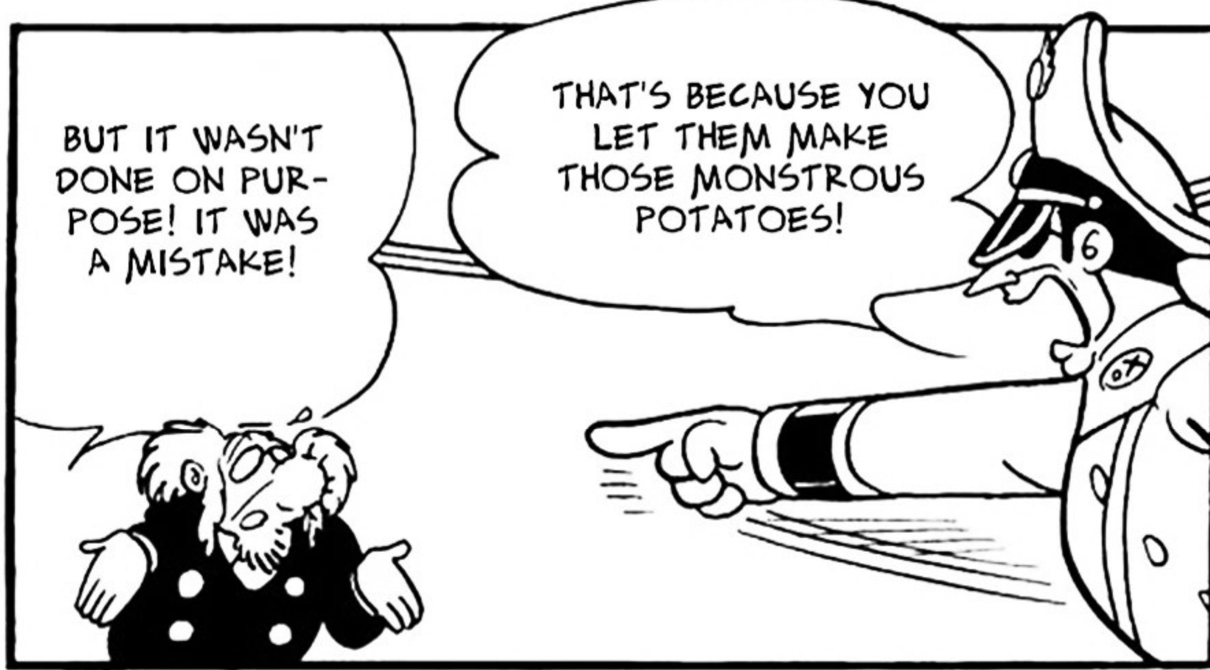





SIR, WE'VE GOT IT TAKEN CARE OF!

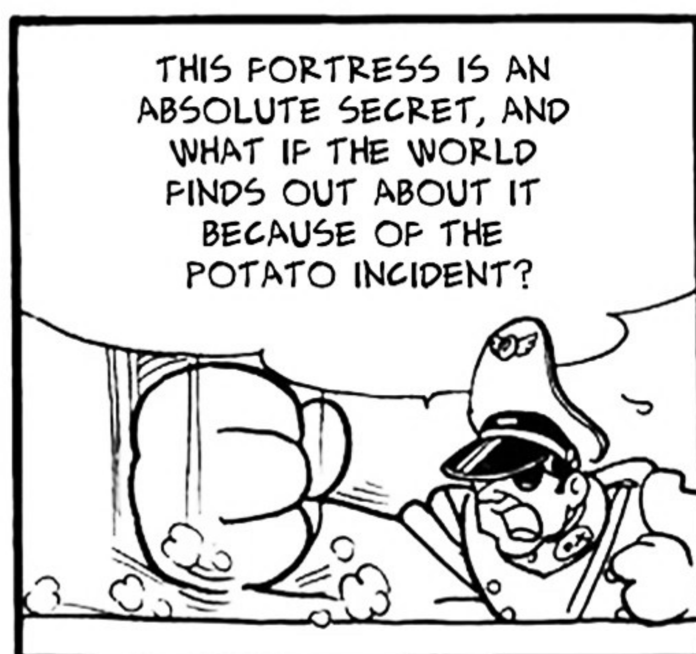

WELL DONE, BRAVE MEN!

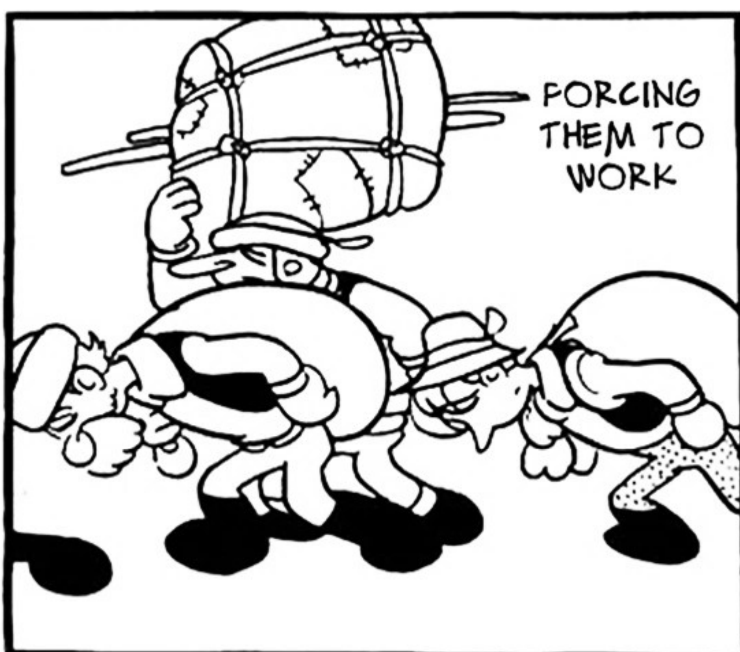

THAT POTATO MONSTER WAS DIGGING INTO THE FORTRESS'S HULL FROM THE OUTSIDE
THAT'S WHY THE FORTRESS WAS IN TROUBLE


THAT'S BECAUSE YOU LET THEM MAKE THOSE MONSTROUS POTATOES!
BUT IT WASN'T DONE ON PUR-POSE! IT WAS A MISTAKE!

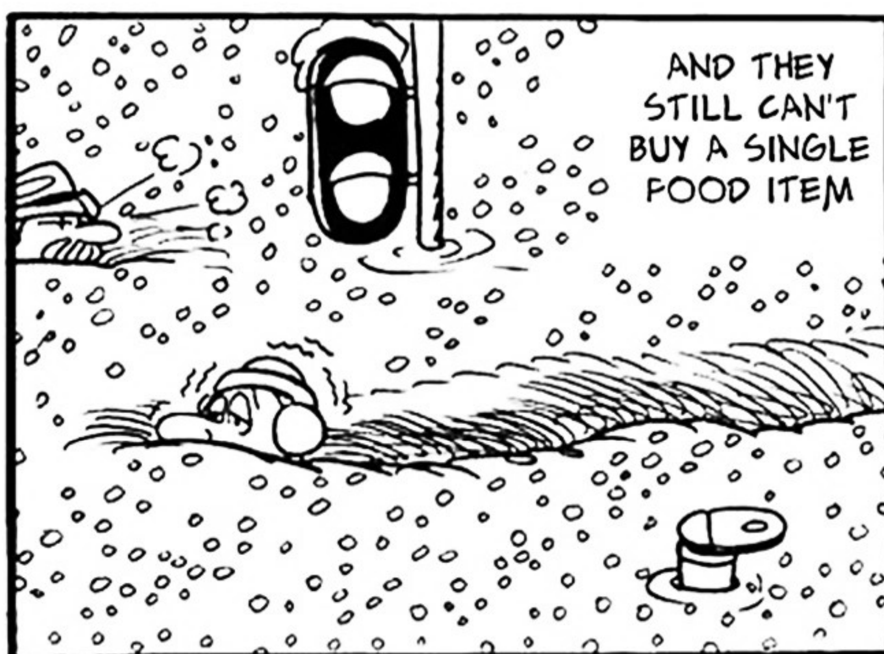

BE QUIET!

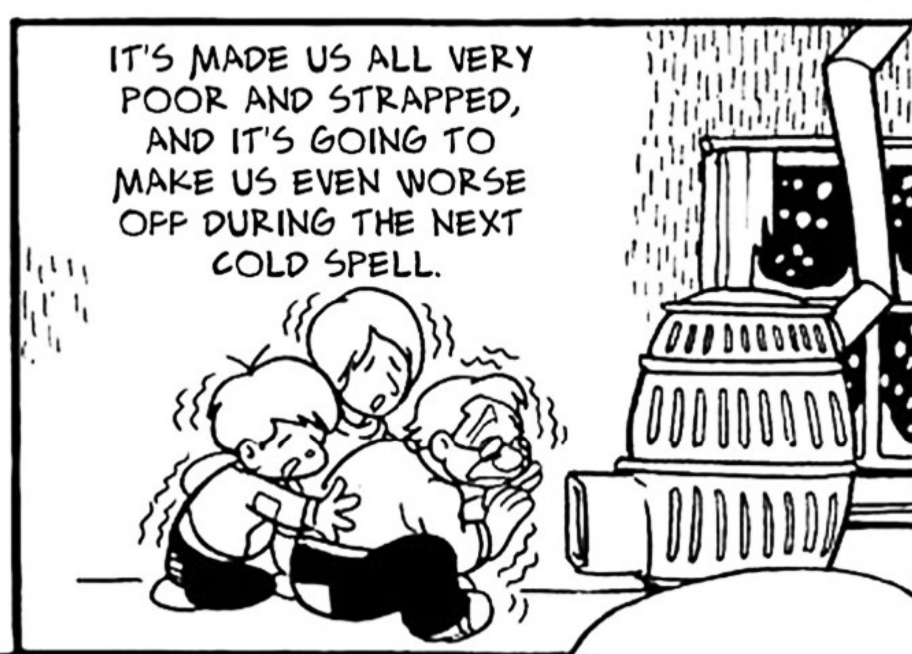

MAJOR ZENDA, IT WAS A MISTAKE TO BUILD THIS FORTRESS IN THE FIRST PLACE


THIS FORTRESS IS AN ABSOLUTE SECRET, AND WHAT IF THE WORLD FINDS OUT ABOUT IT BECAUSE OF THE POTATO INCIDENT?

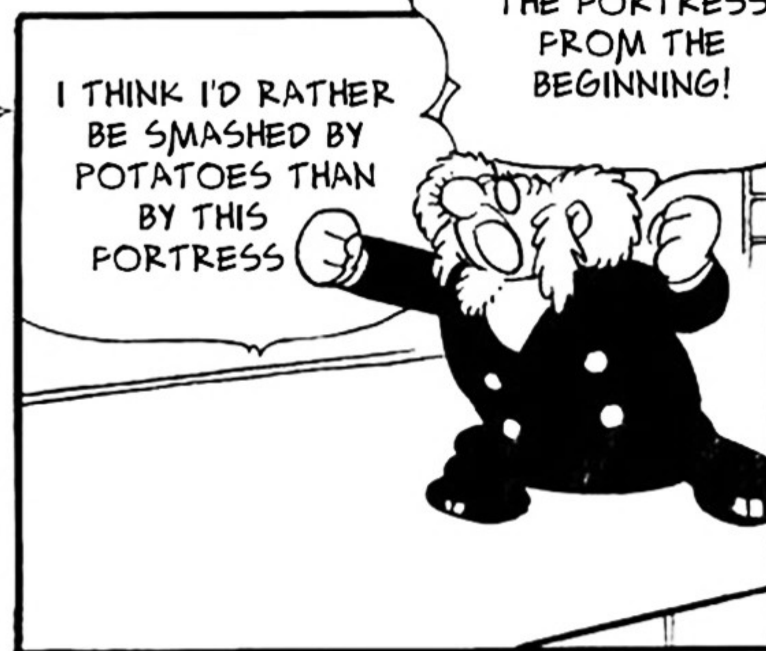

FORCING THEM TO WORK


WE WERE GOING TO MAKE A LOT OF MONEY OFF OF THE PEOPLE
建設募金

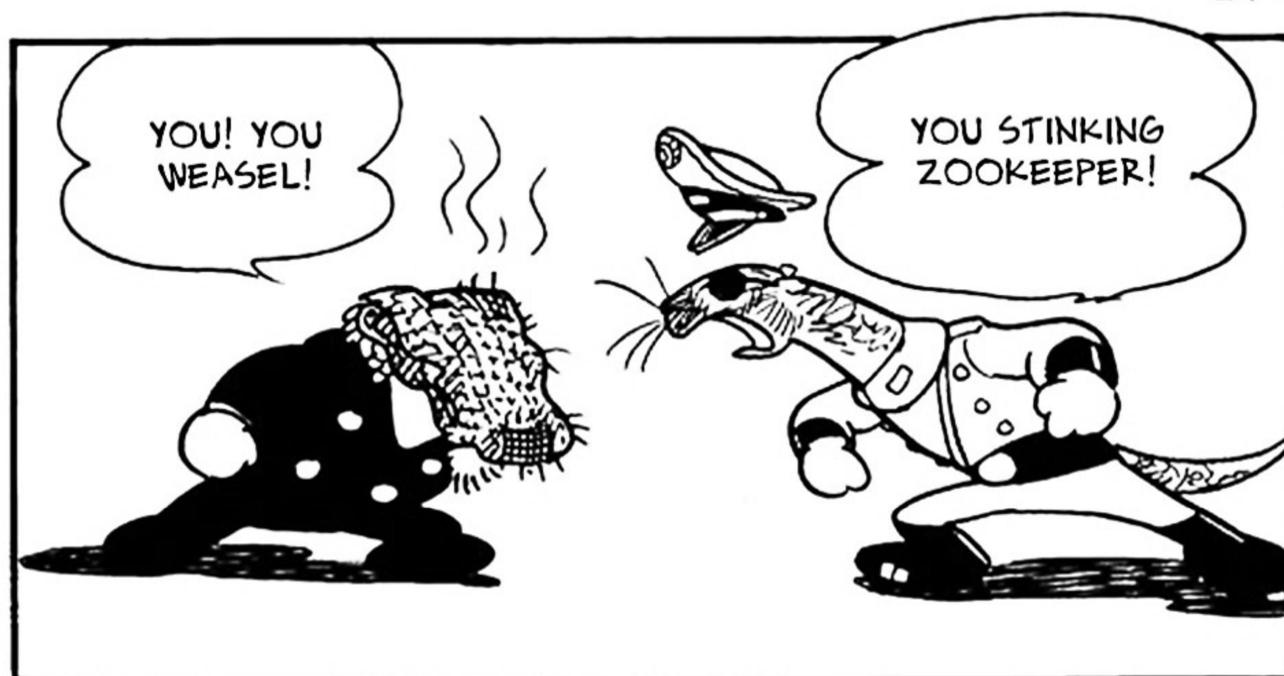

AND THEY STILL CAN'T BUY A SINGLE FOOD ITEM


IT'S MADE US ALL VERY POOR AND STRAPPED, AND IT'S GOING TO MAKE US EVEN WORSE OFF DURING THE NEXT COLD SPELL.


FEH! BLA BLA BLA! HOW DARE YOU DOCTOR!

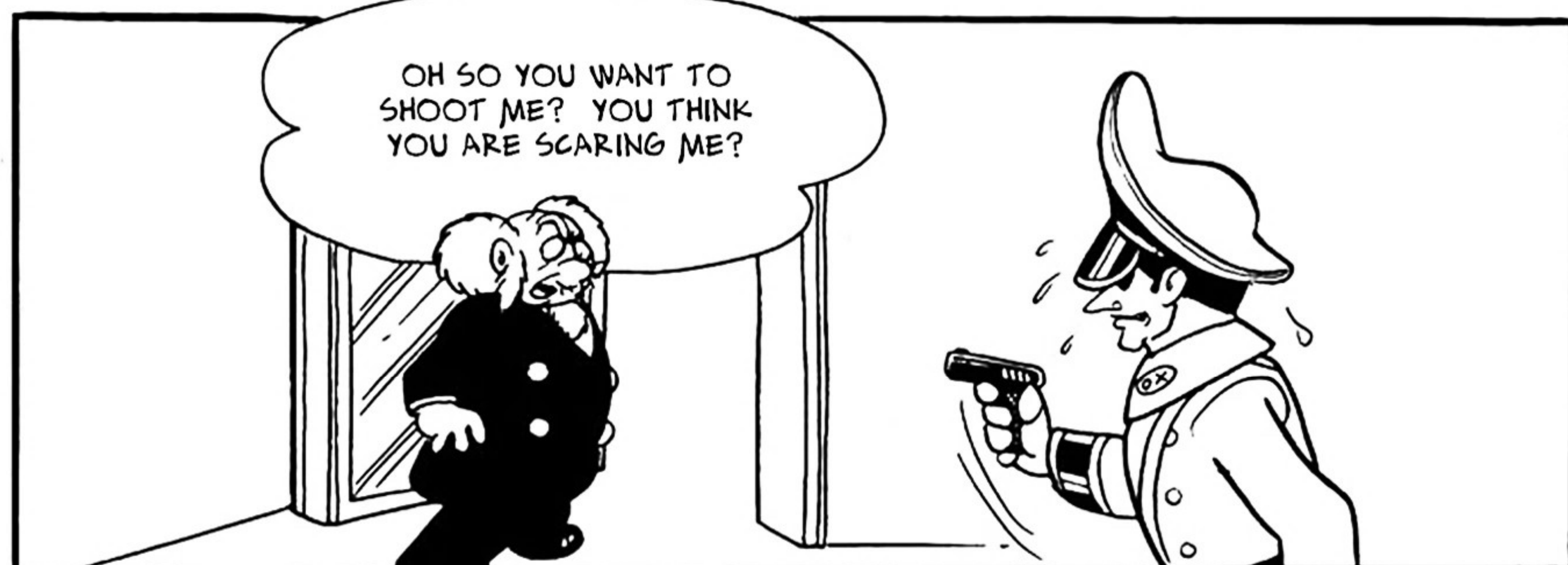

I WAS AGAINST THE FORTRESS FROM THE BEGINNING!
I THINK I'D RATHER BE SMASHED BY POTATOES THAN BY THIS FORTRESS


I'M TAKING AKIRA AND NINA WITH ME, SO SEND THEM OUT HERE.


YOU! YOU WEASEL!
YOU STINKING ZOOKEEPER!


STOP DOCTOR!
IT'S NO USE TALKING TO YOU!


HMPH.. THOSE TWO KNOW THE SECRET OF THIS FORTRESS SO THEY'LL NEVER BE ALLOWED OUT AGAIN


OH SO YOU WANT TO SHOOT ME? YOU THINK YOU ARE SCARING ME?

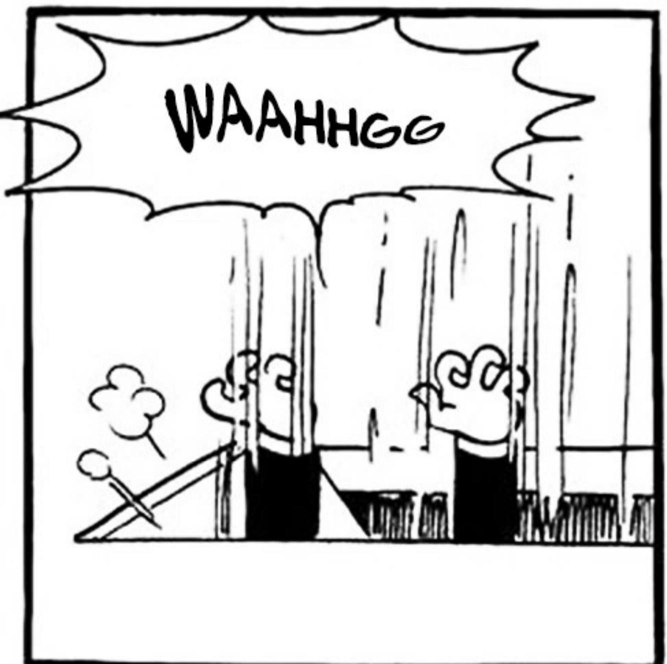

I WORE A BULLETPROOF VEST BECAUSE I KNEW YOU'D TRY TO SHOOT ME!



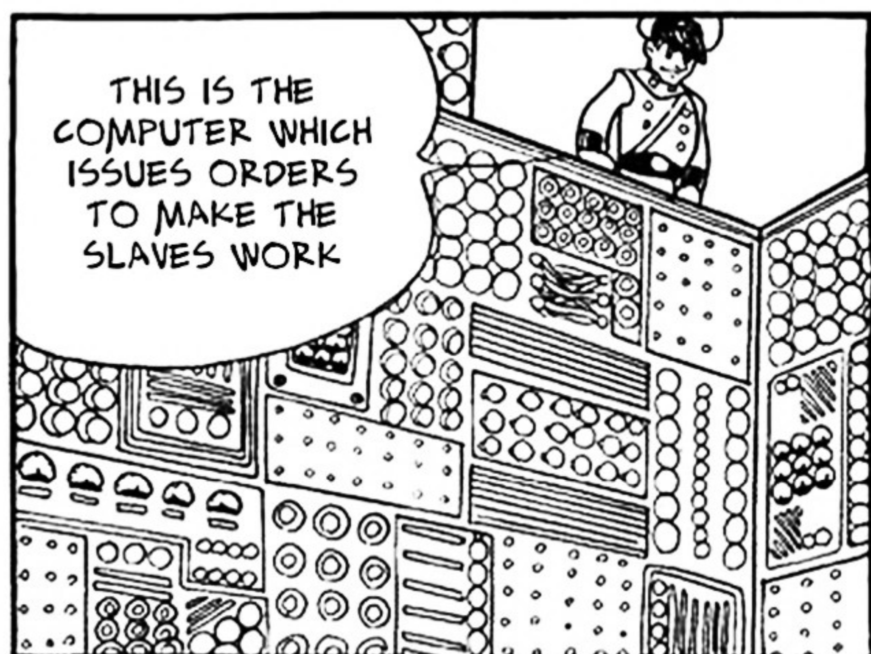


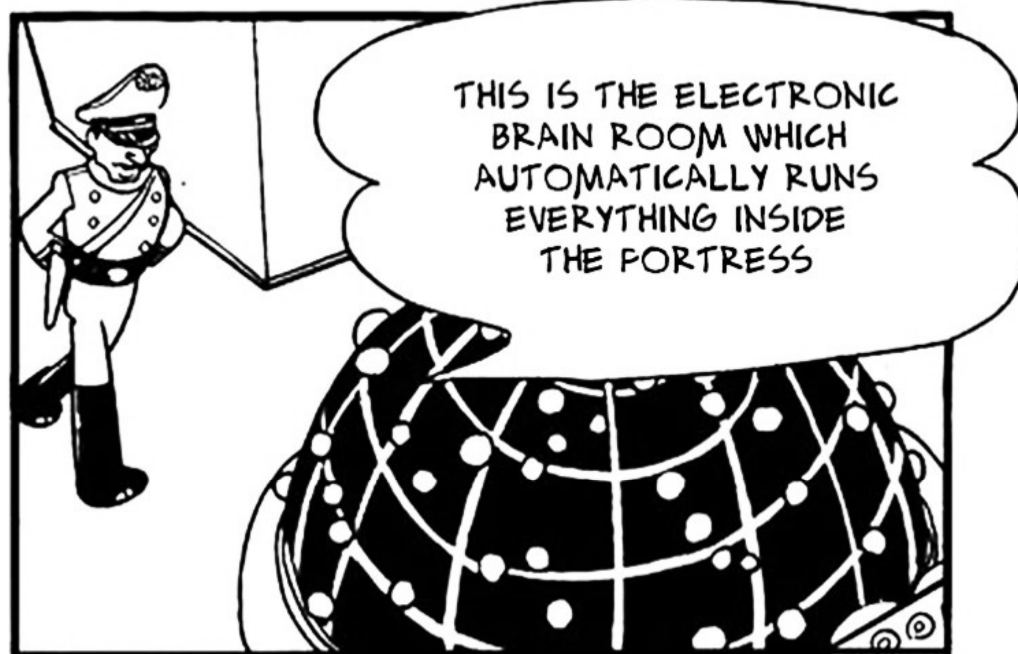

THIS FORTRESS IS BECOMING THE GREATEST SO FAR. I'M NOT GOING TO LET ANYONE STOP IT!
IT'LL BE THE MOST INVINCIBLE FORTRESS IN THE WORLD!

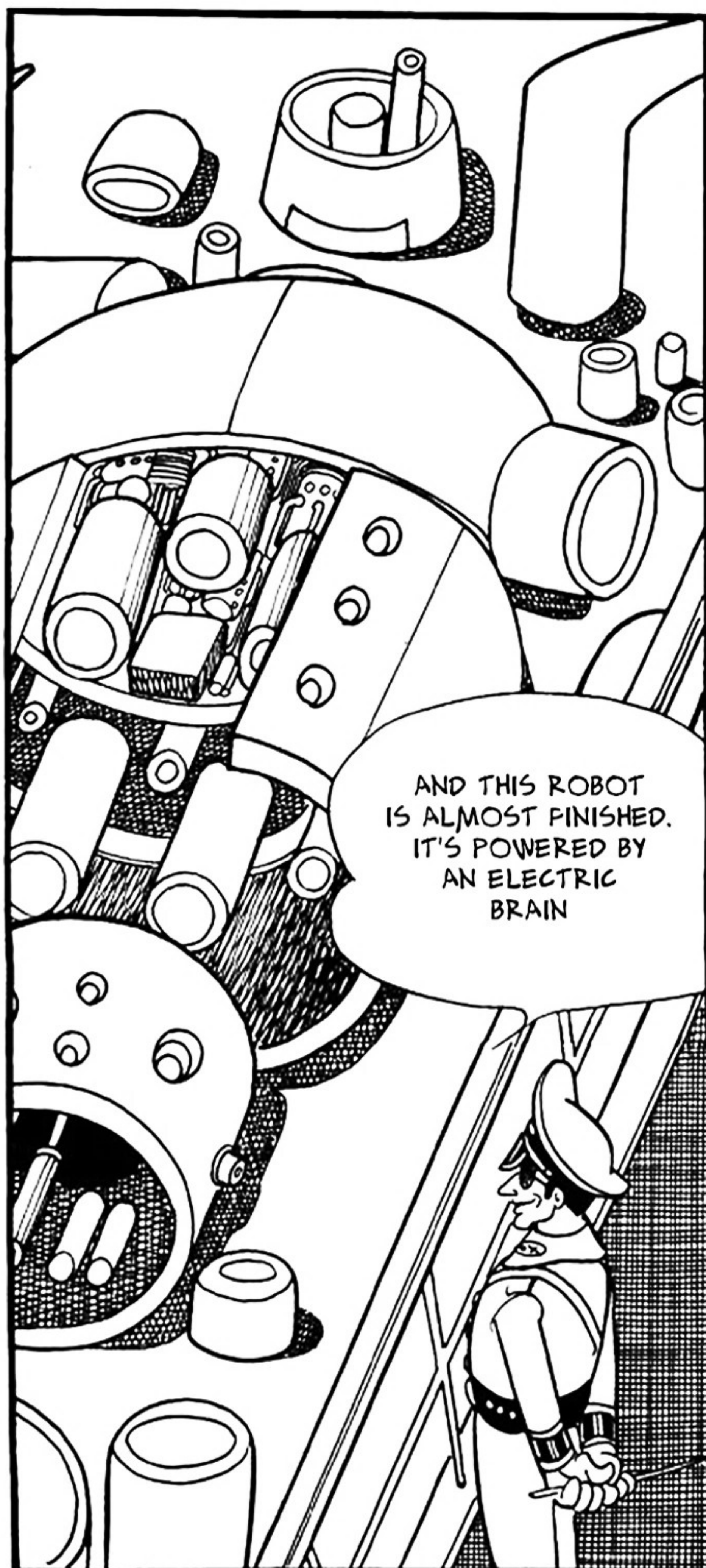


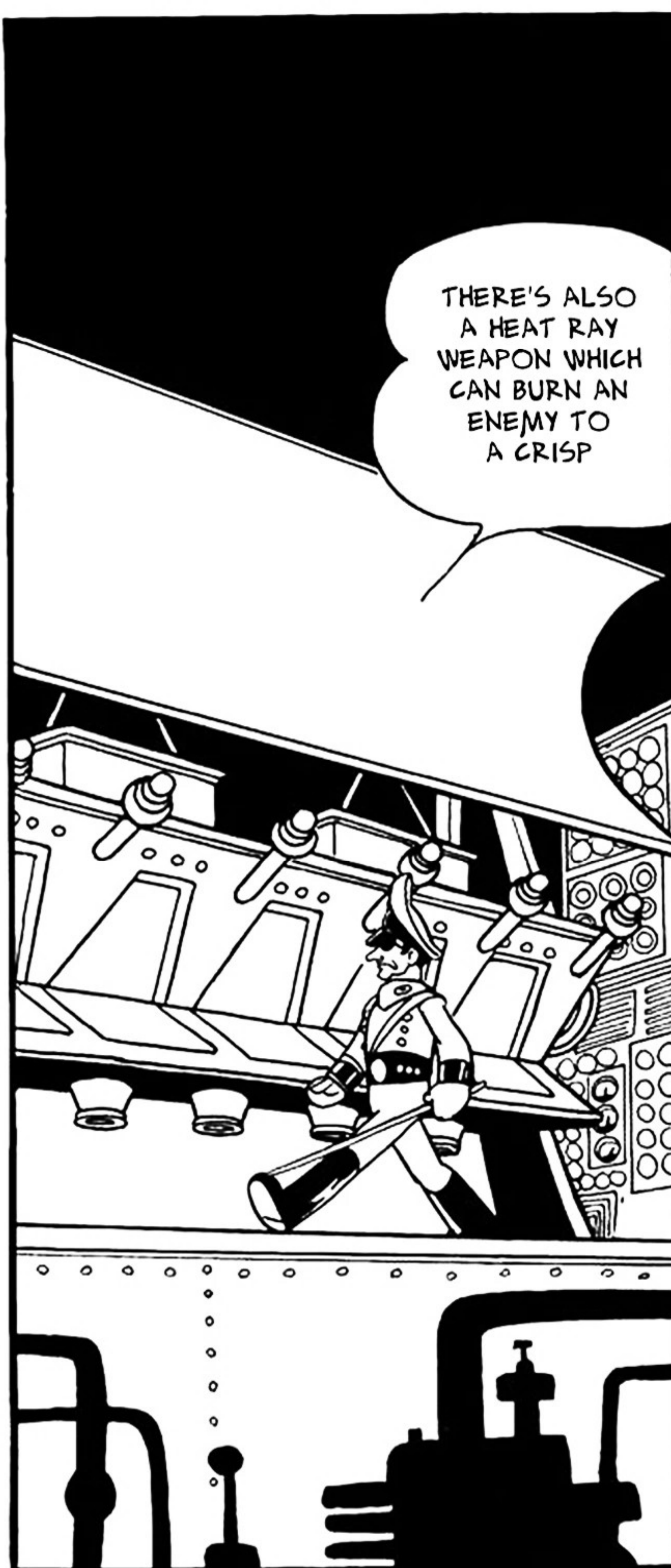

WAAHHGG

I'M NOT GOING TO LET ANYONE GET IN THE WAY OF MY PLANS. NOT EVEN THE DOCTOR


THIS IS THE COMPUTER WHICH ISSUES ORDERS TO MAKE THE SLAVES WORK


THIS IS THE ELECTRONIC BRAIN ROOM WHICH AUTOMATICALLY RUNS EVERYTHING INSIDE THE FORTRESS


AND THIS ROBOT IS ALMOST FINISHED. IT'S POWERED BY AN ELECTRIC BRAIN


THERE'S ALSO A HEAT RAY WEAPON WHICH CAN BURN AN ENEMY TO A CRISP


YOU WORK, YOU EAT


I-I'M HUNGRY... STARVING! PLEASE JUST LET ME HAVE A PIECE OF BREAD

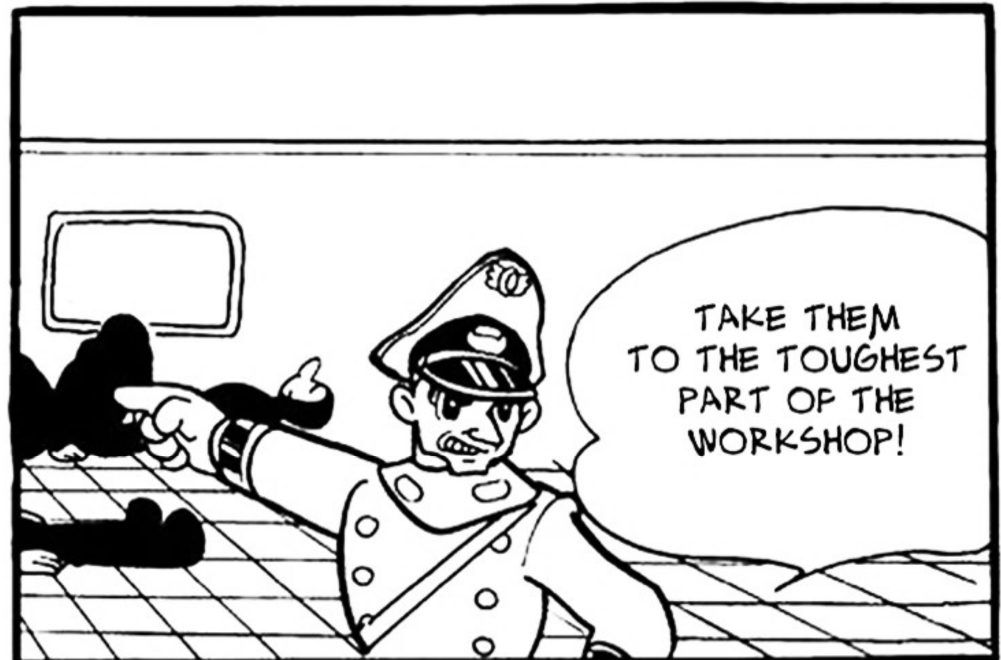

YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THERE?

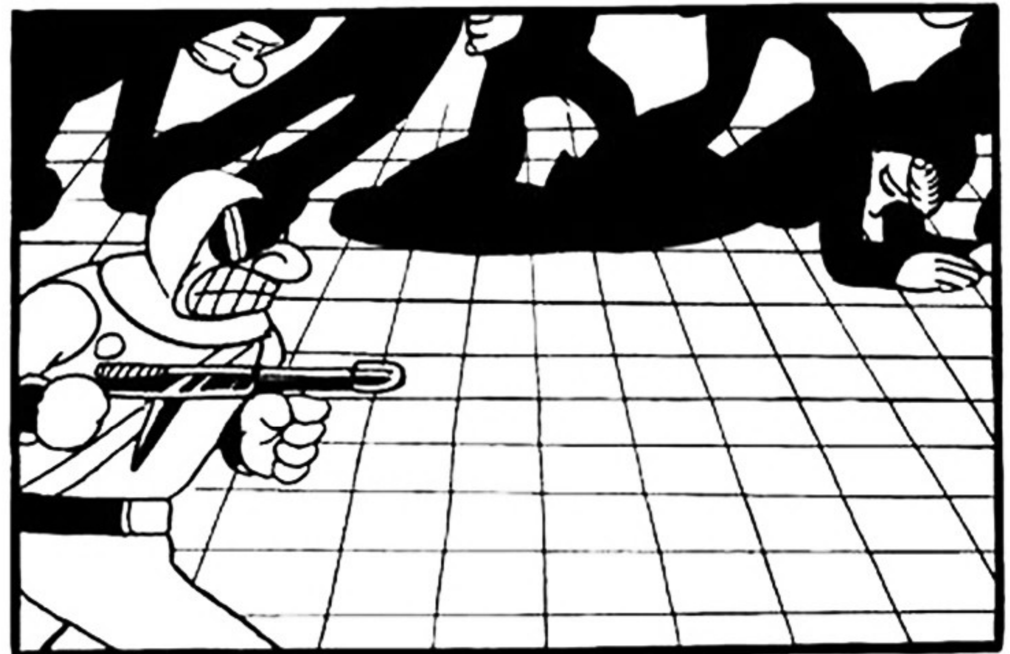

YOU'VE COME TO WORK FOR US BECAUSE YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY TAXES, AND IT'S A LUXURY TO EAT A FULL MEAL



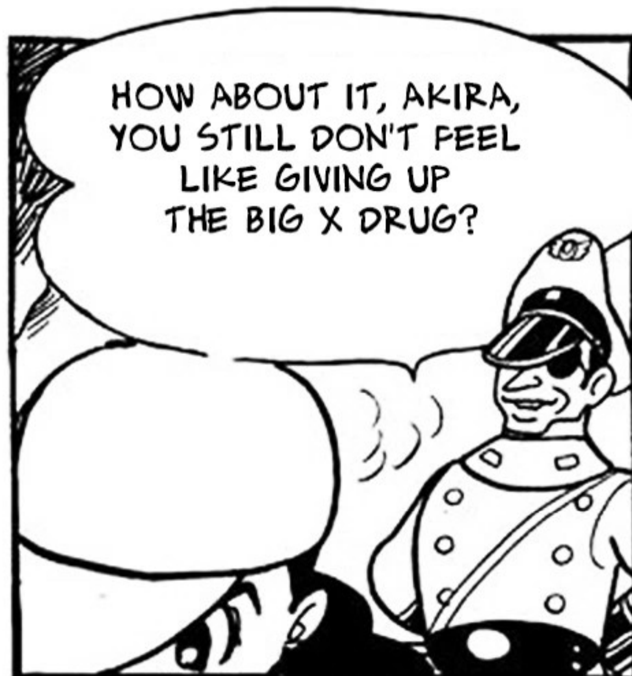

MERCY, MY LORD



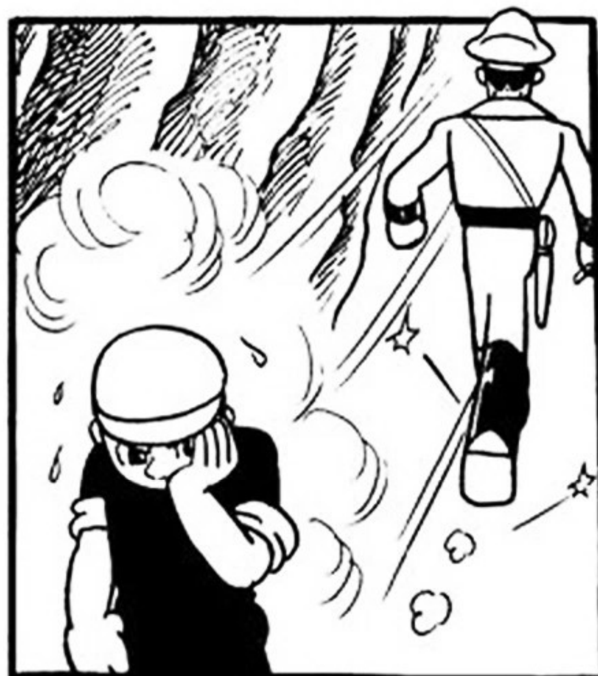

TAKE THEM TO THE TOUGHEST PART OF THE WORKSHOP!




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HOW ABOUT IT, AKIRA, YOU STILL DON'T FEEL LIKE GIVING UP THE BIG X DRUG?






YOU STUBBORN BASTARD, YOU'LL ALWAYS BE WORKING HERE.



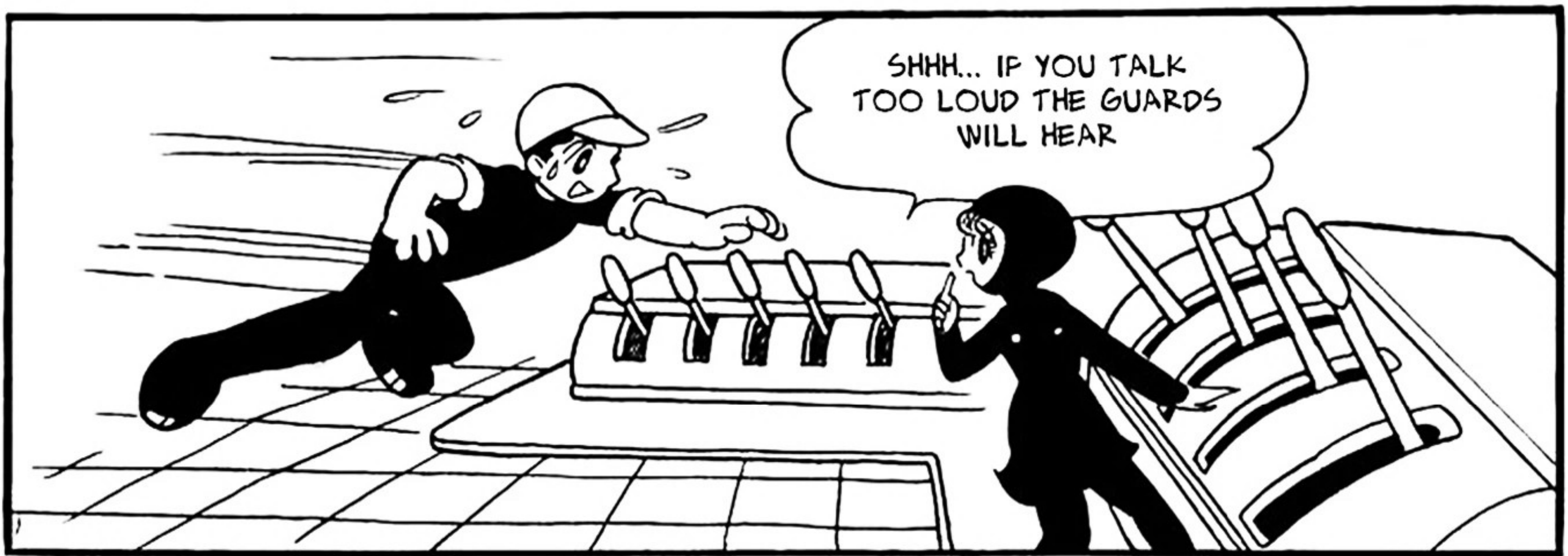


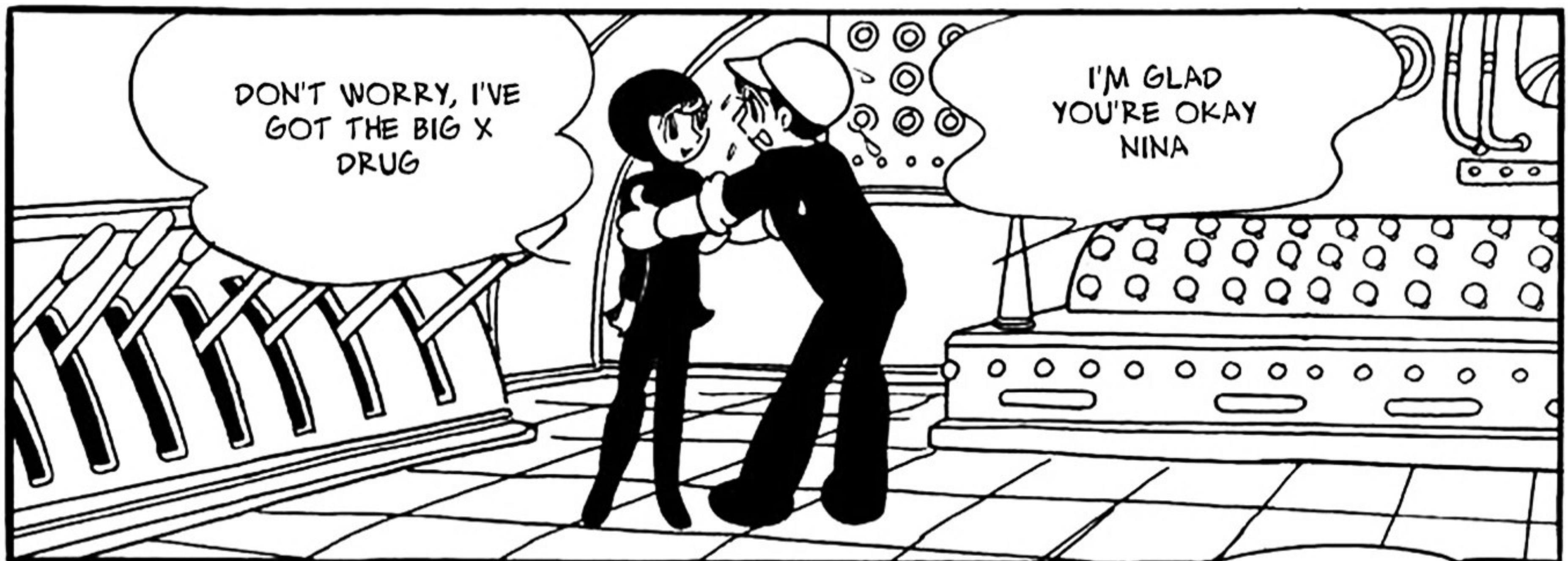

TAKE A RIGHT. NOW TURN RIGHT HERE... IT'S THE NEXT ROOM


AKIRA


NINA!!


NINA! WHERE ARE YOU?
I'M VERY NEAR YOU

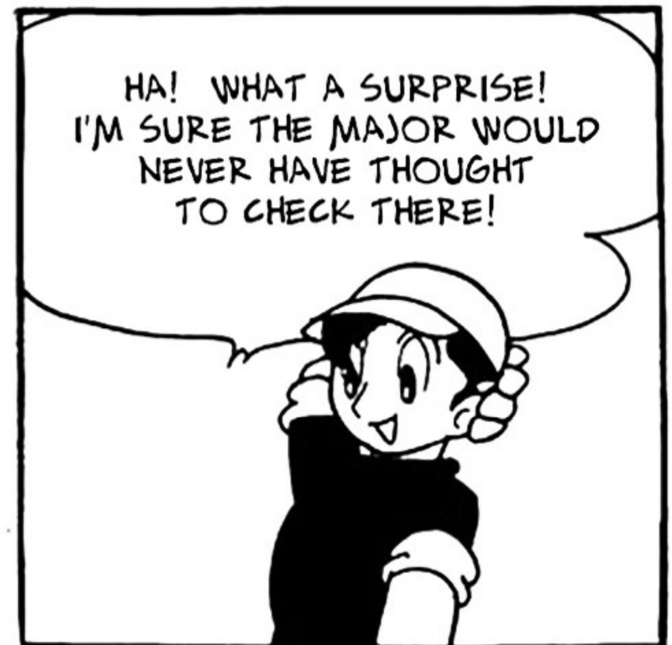

SHHH... IF YOU TALK TOO LOUD THE GUARDS WILL HEAR

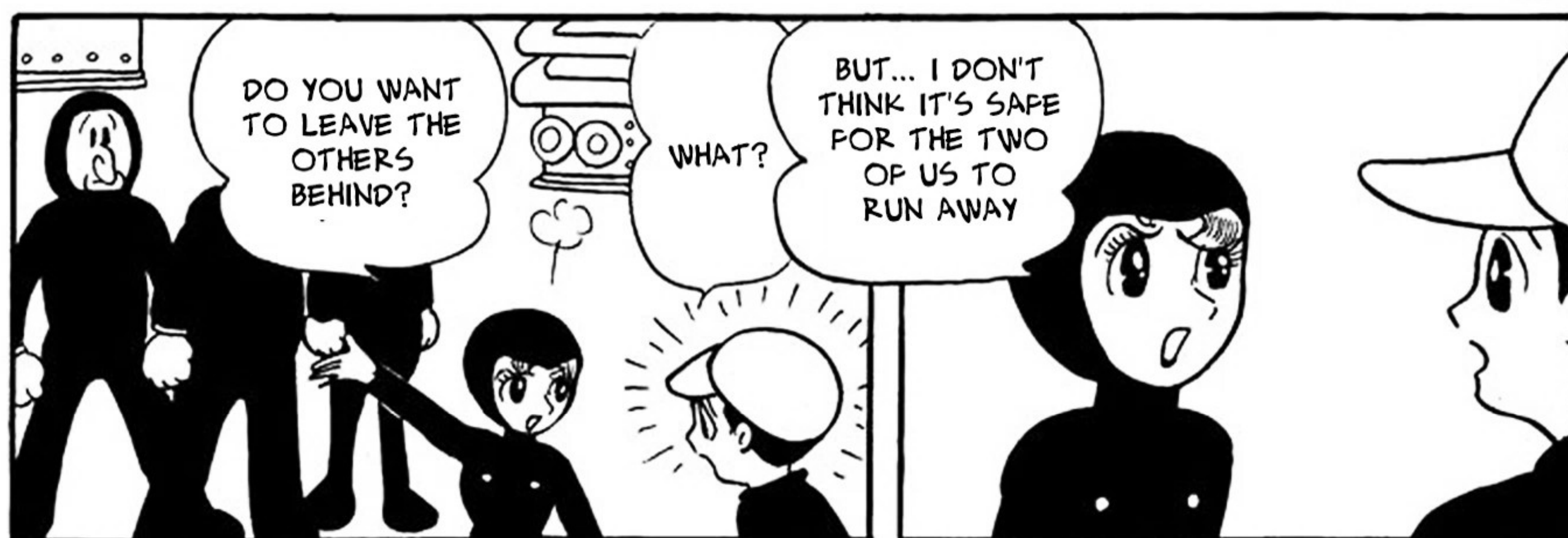

I'M GLAD YOU'RE OKAY NINA
DON'T WORRY, I'VE GOT THE BIG X DRUG


I PUT IT IN MY COMPACT


I WAS ABLE TO GRAB IT OUT OF YOUR POCKET AND TRANSFER IT TO A DIFFERENT CONTAINER
OH THAT'S GREAT! I KNEW YOU HAD IT!


NINA, I KNOW HOW TO GET US OUT OF HERE... WE'LL TAKE THE GUARDS' CLOTHES TO DISGUISE OURSELVES AND TAKE A SHOT OF BIG X


HA! WHAT A SURPRISE! I'M SURE THE MAJOR WOULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT TO CHECK THERE!

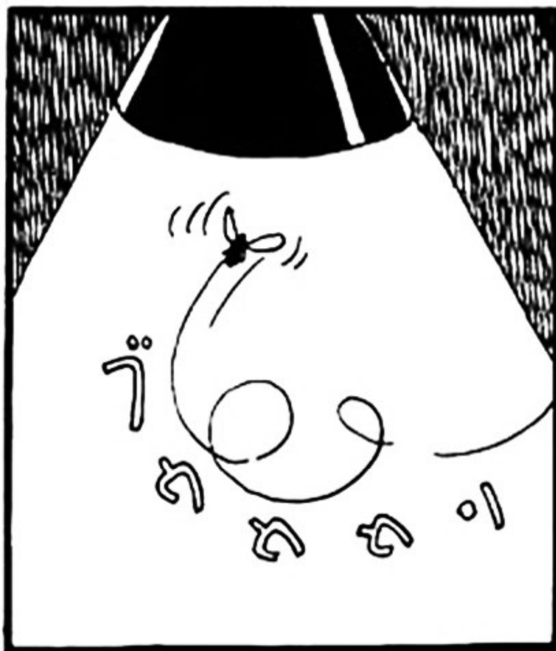

DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE THE OTHERS BEHIND?
WHAT?
BUT... I DON'T THINK IT'S SAFE FOR THE TWO OF US TO RUN AWAY


AKIRA, THEY'RE ALL IN A BIND HERE AND THEY ALL WANT TO ESCAPE
EVEN IF WE TOOK THEM, I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH OF THE DRUG TO GET THIS MANY PEOPLE OUT THE DOOR


HUH... YEAH. THAT'S RIGHT. I THOUGHT WE....
YOU'RE RIGHT

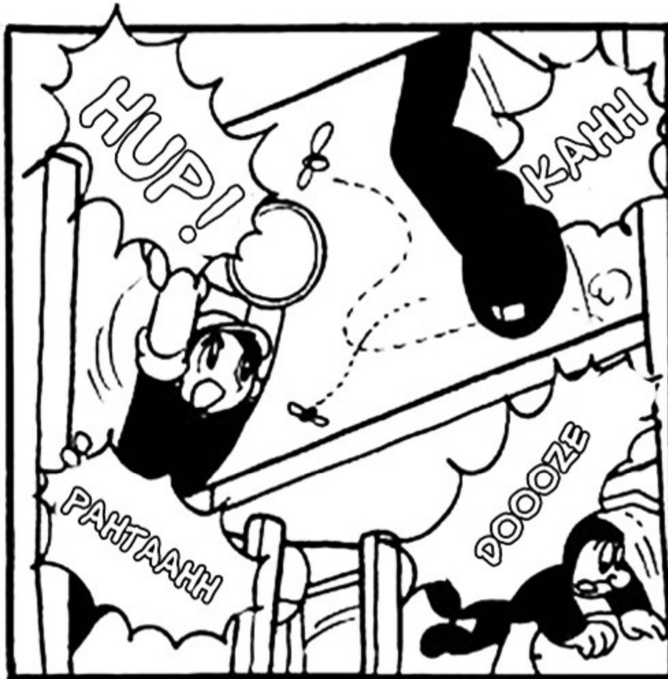

HMM... THERE'S GOT TO BE A BETTER WAY


LET'S JOIN FORCES AND FIGHT TOGETHER
OKAY, LET'S THINK UP ANOTHER PLAN



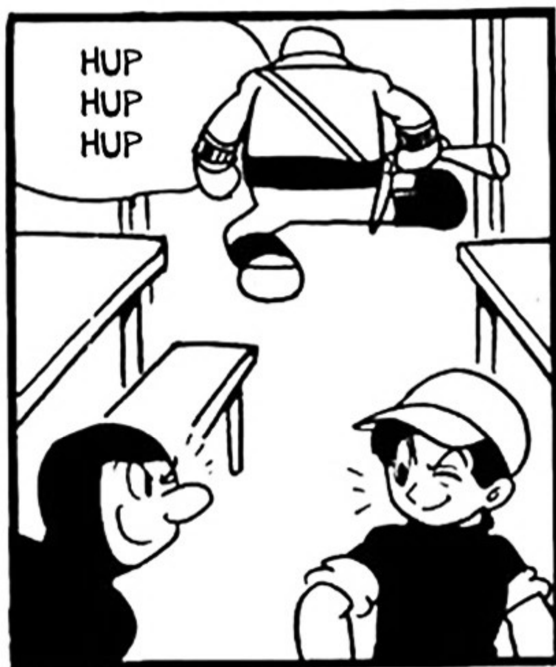


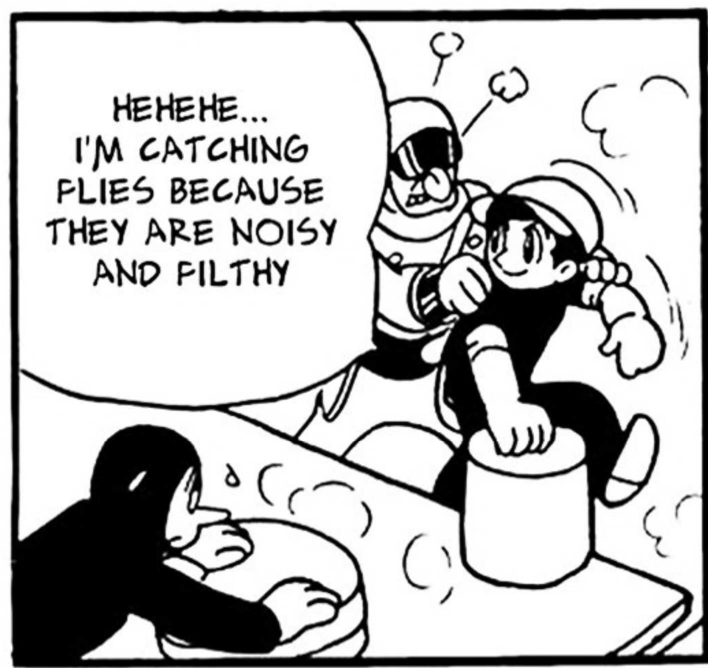

I WONDER .....


HUP!
KAHH
PAHTAAHH
POOOZE


HEY GUYS... I NEED TO CATCH A FLY AND I NEED IT ALIVE


THAT'S IT!

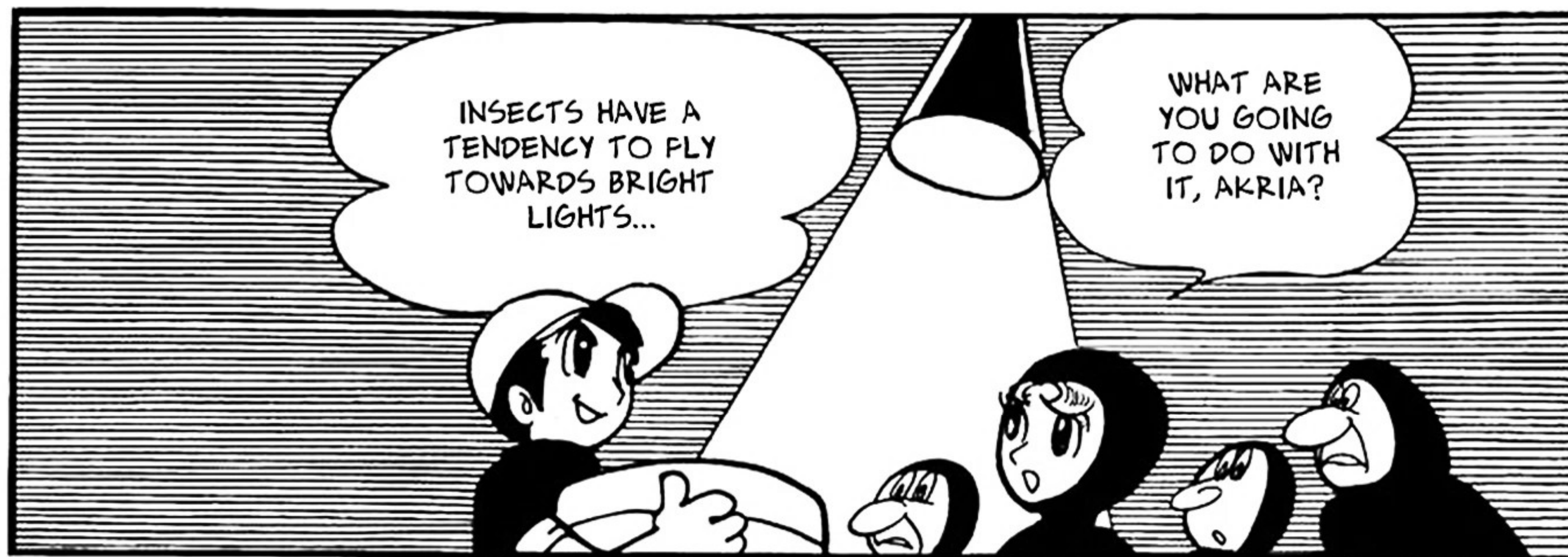

HUP HUP HUP

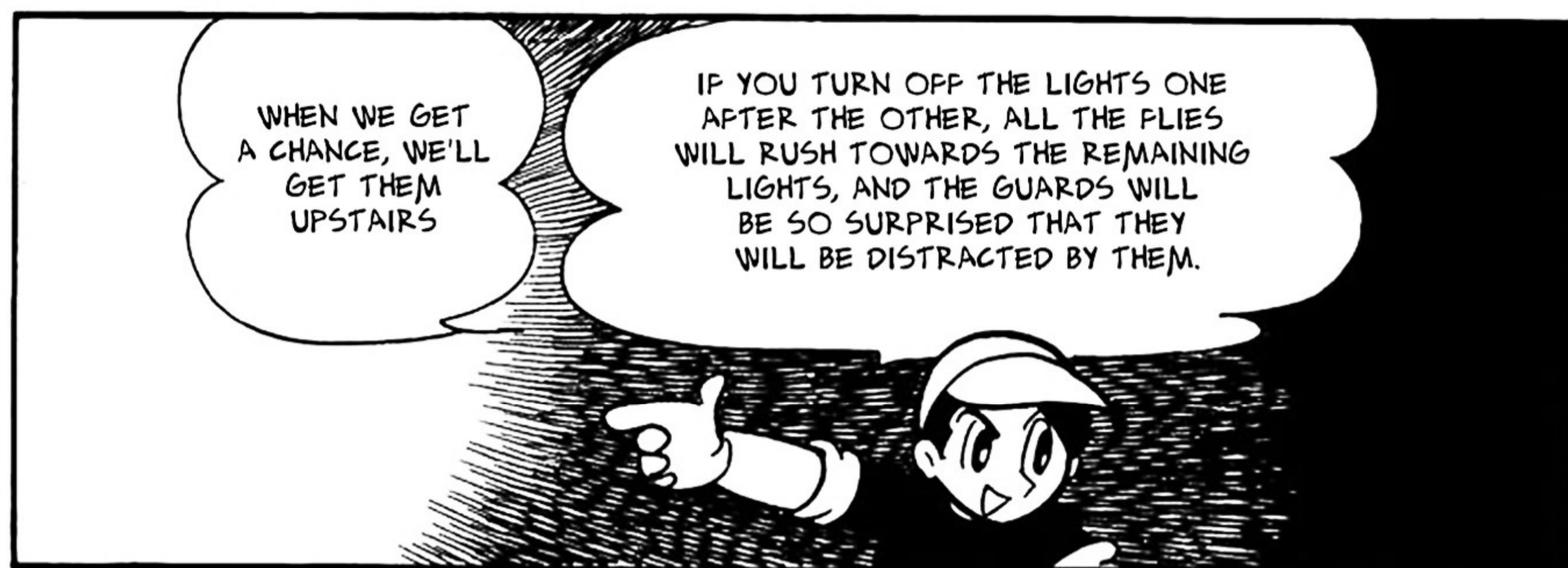

HEHEHE... I'M CATCHING FLIES BECAUSE THEY ARE NOISY AND FILTHY

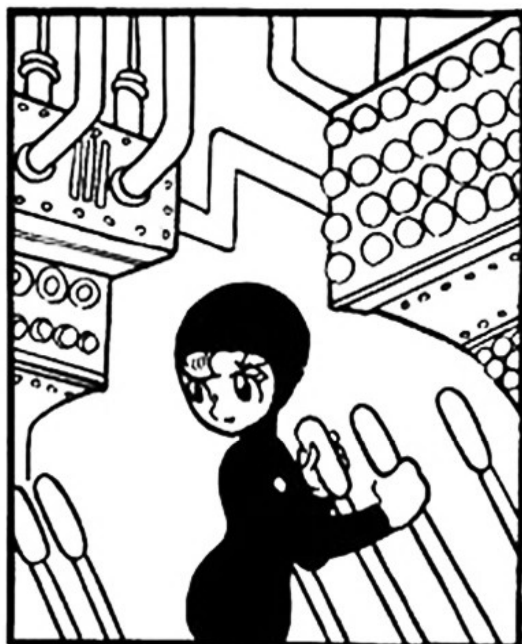

WHAT THE HELL'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?

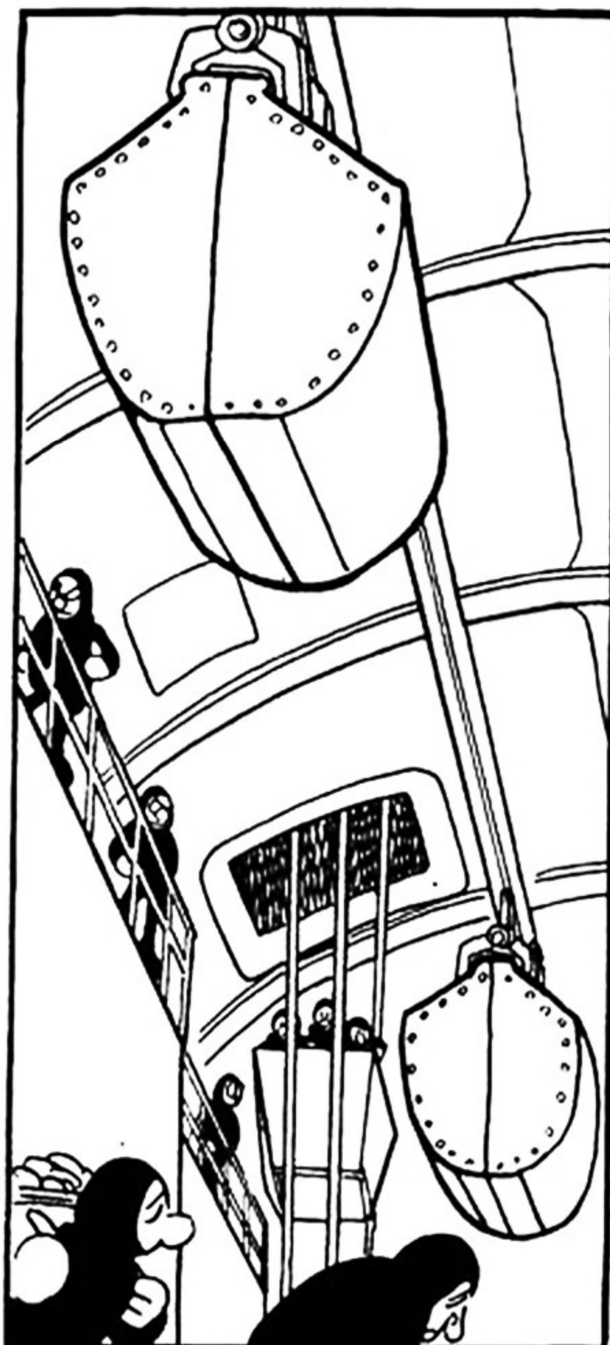

NINA, DRIP A TINY BIT OF BIG X INTO THIS AND WE'LL LET THE FLIES EAT IT

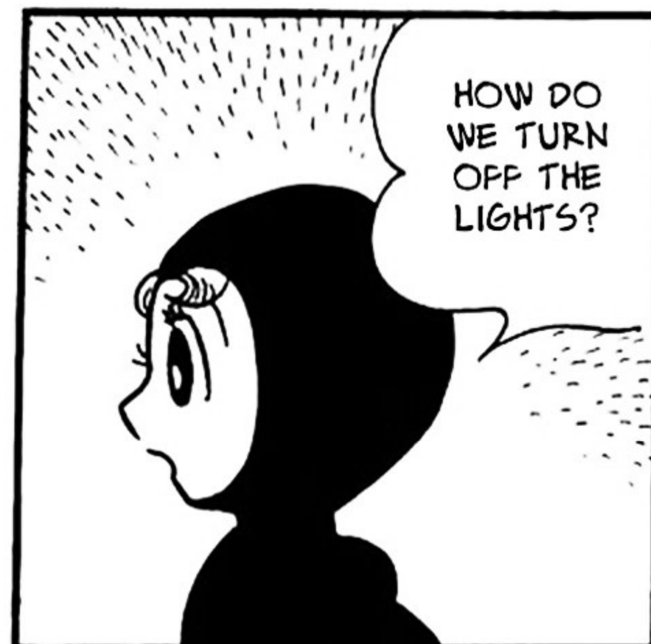

ALL RIGHT... WHEN YOU CATCH IT, PUT IT IN HERE

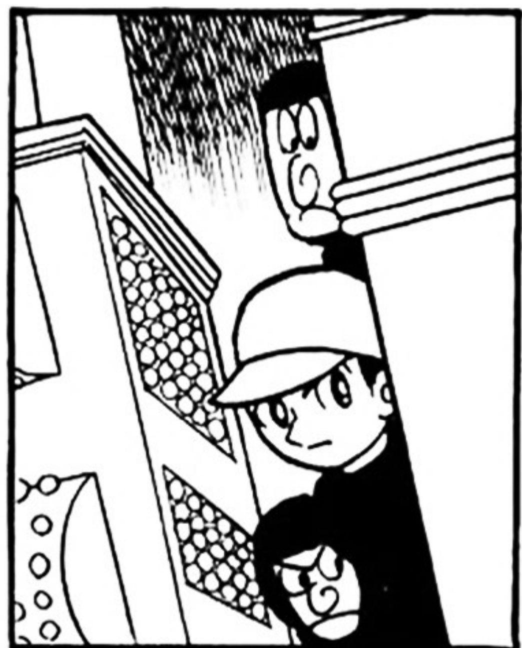

INSECTS HAVE A TENDENCY TO FLY TOWARDS BRIGHT LIGHTS...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT, AKRIA?


IF YOU TURN OFF THE LIGHTS ONE AFTER THE OTHER, ALL THE FLIES WILL RUSH TOWARDS THE REMAINING LIGHTS, AND THE GUARDS WILL BE SO SURPRISED THAT THEY WILL BE DISTRACTED BY THEM.
WHEN WE GET A CHANCE, WE'LL GET THEM UPSTAIRS

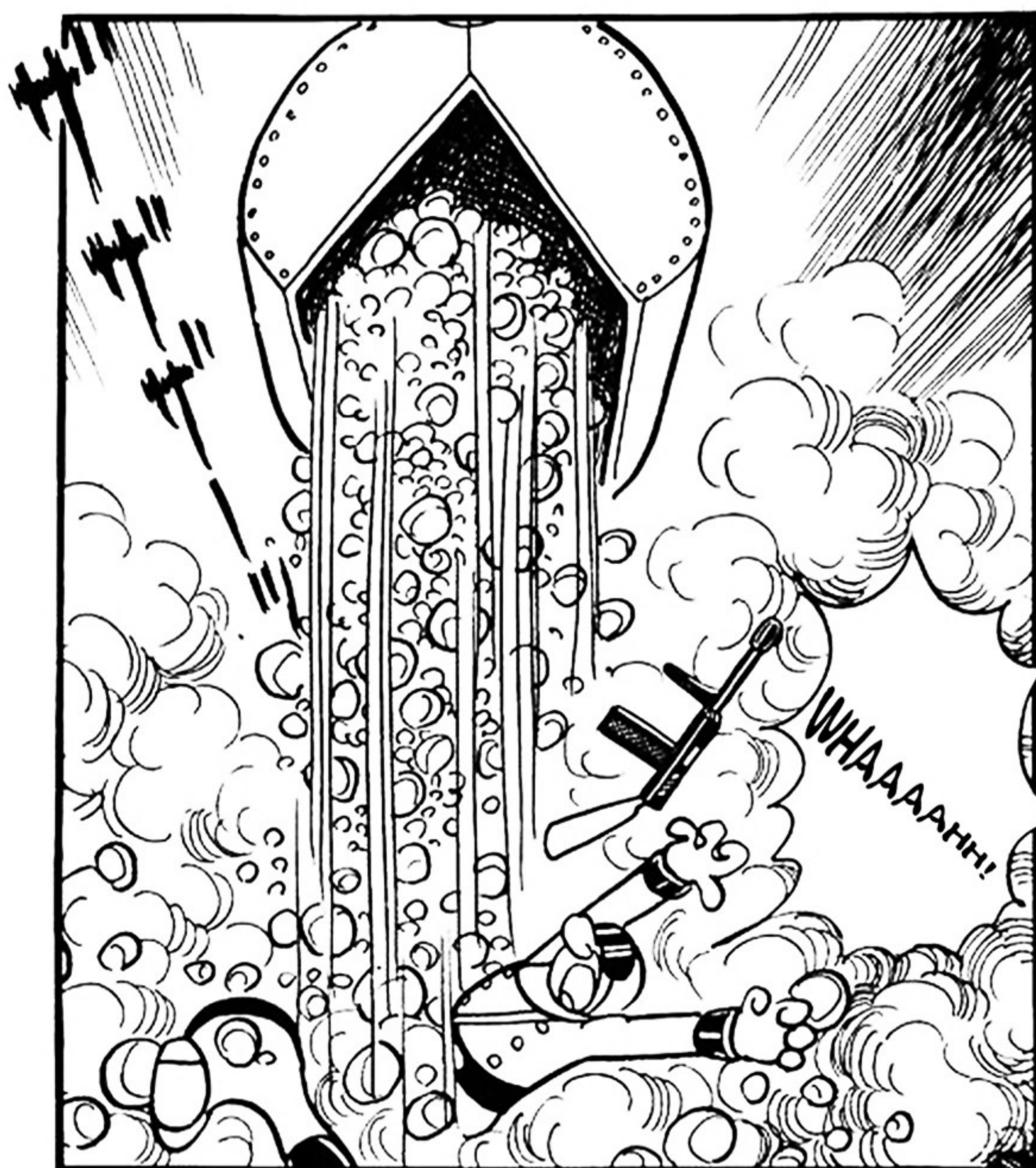


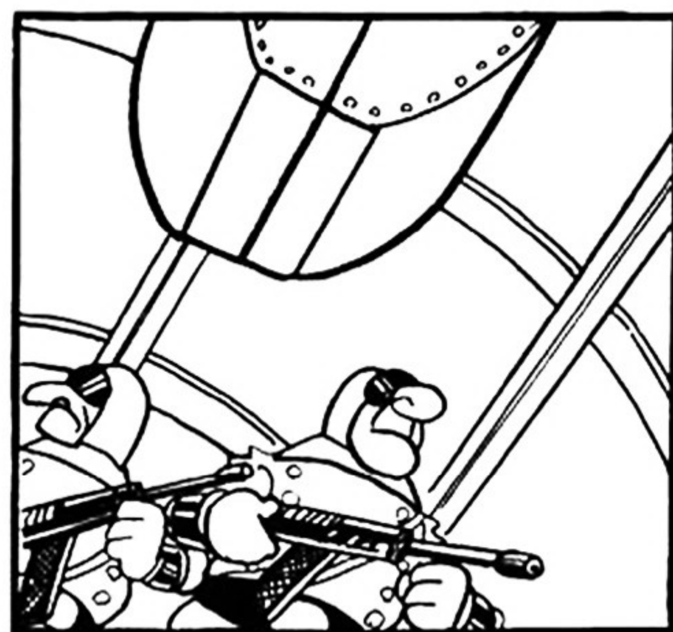



HOW DO WE TURN OFF THE LIGHTS?

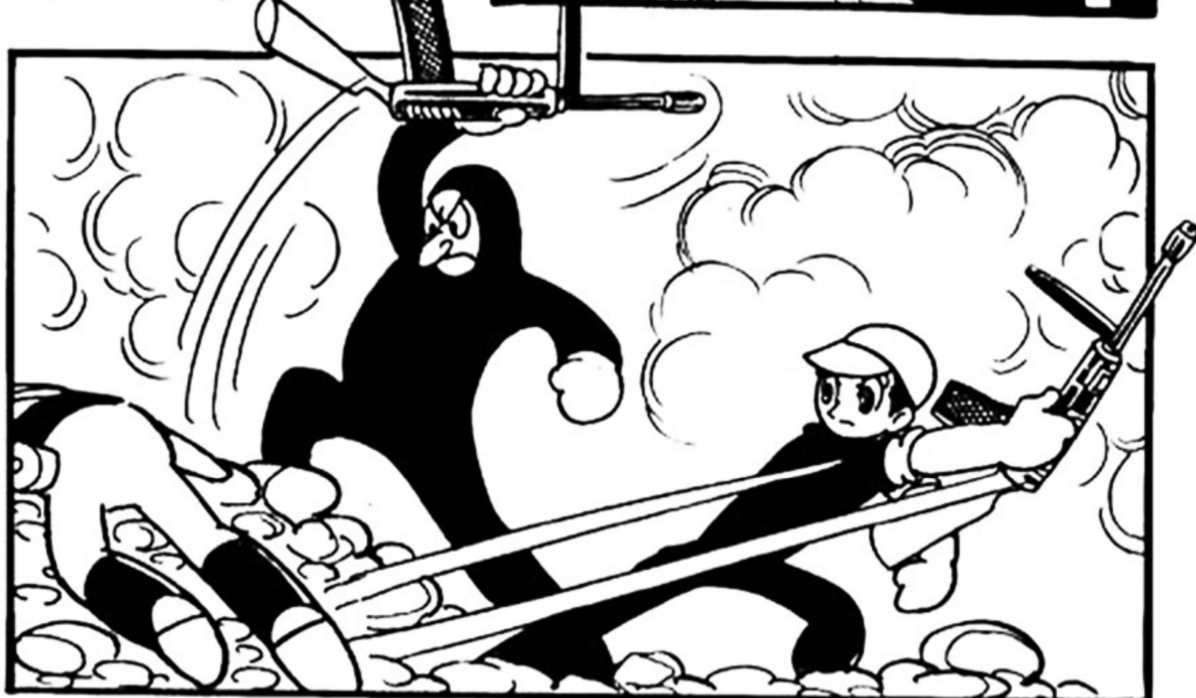



I'LL NEED TO TAKE THAT GUN OFF HIS HANDS


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WHAAAAAHH!



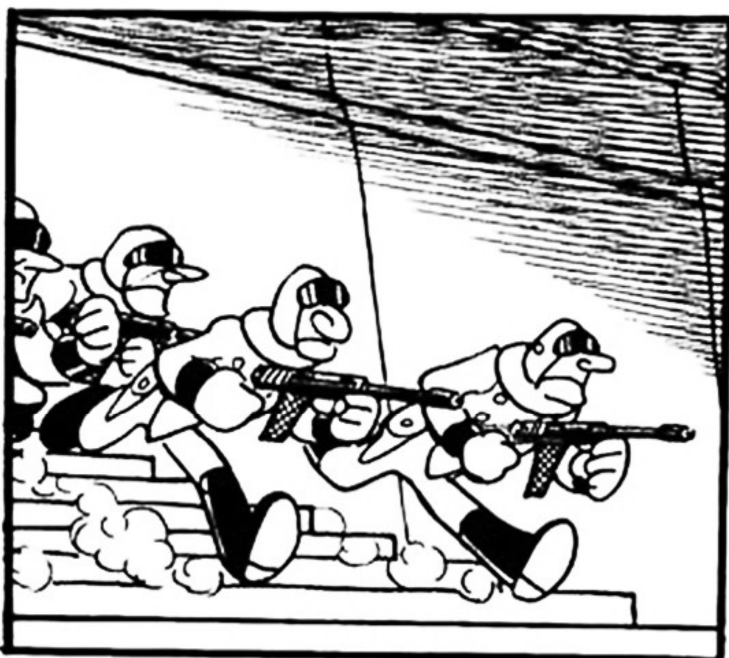

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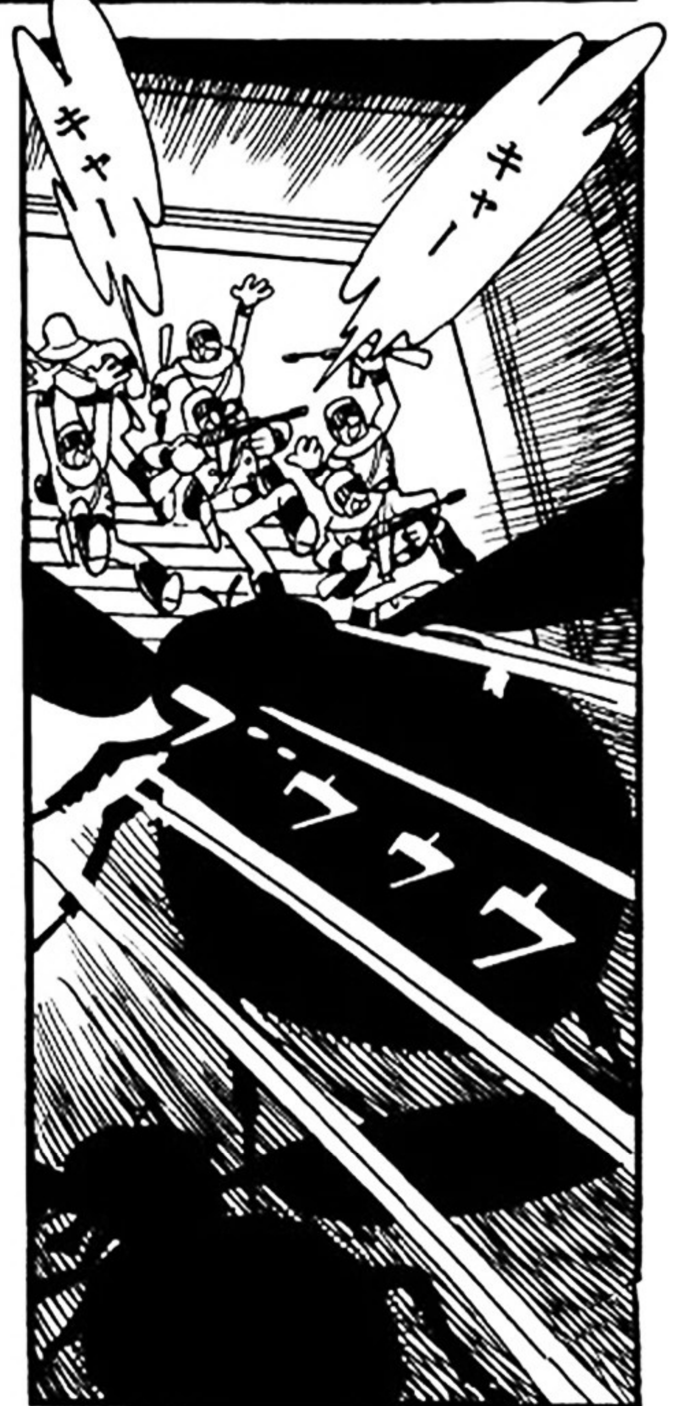

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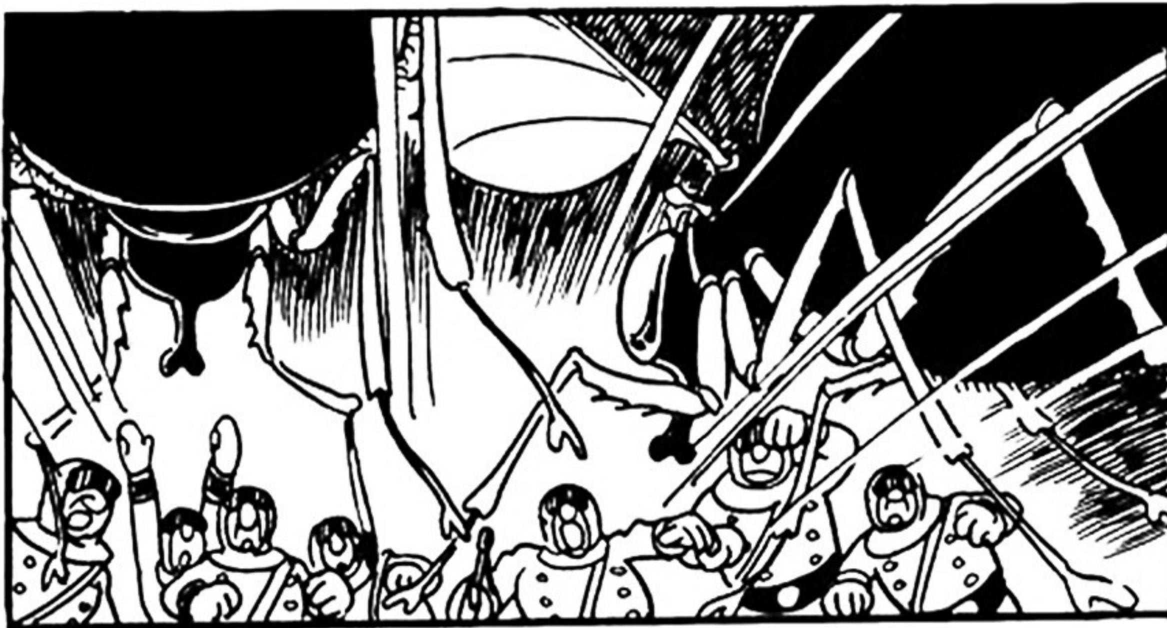

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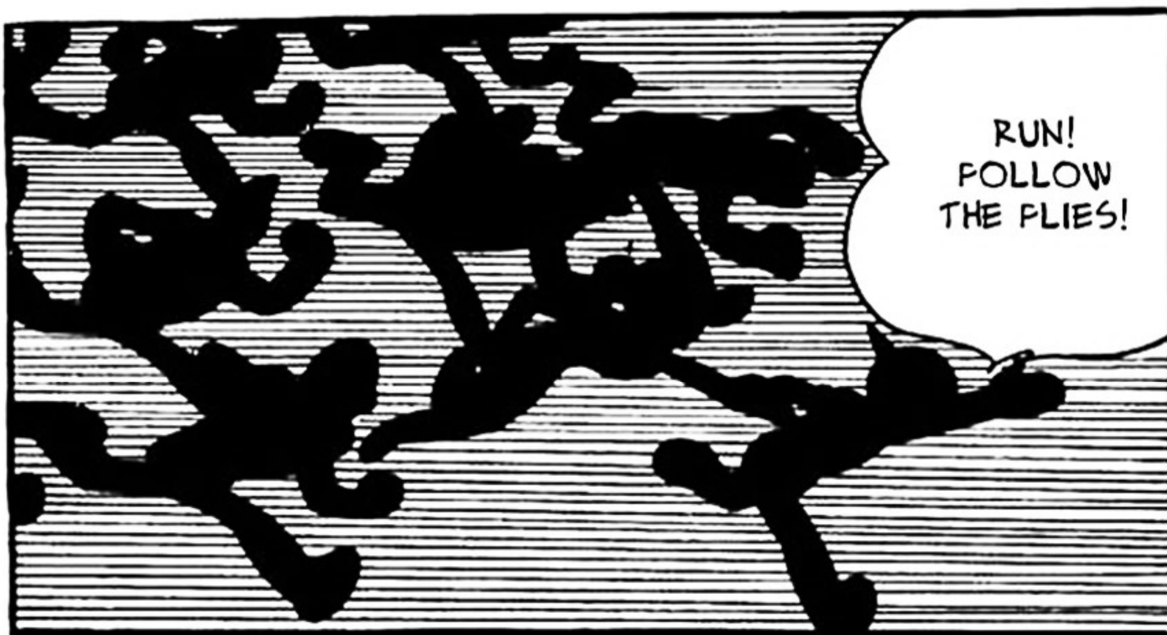



BE FREE!

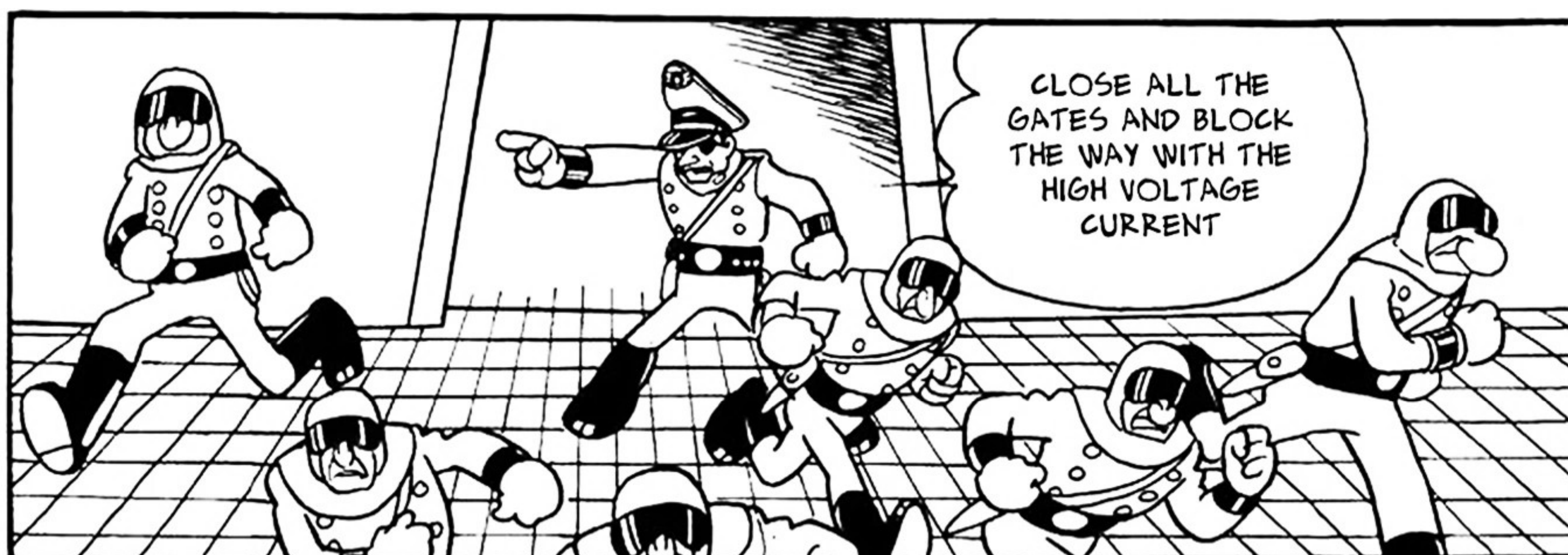


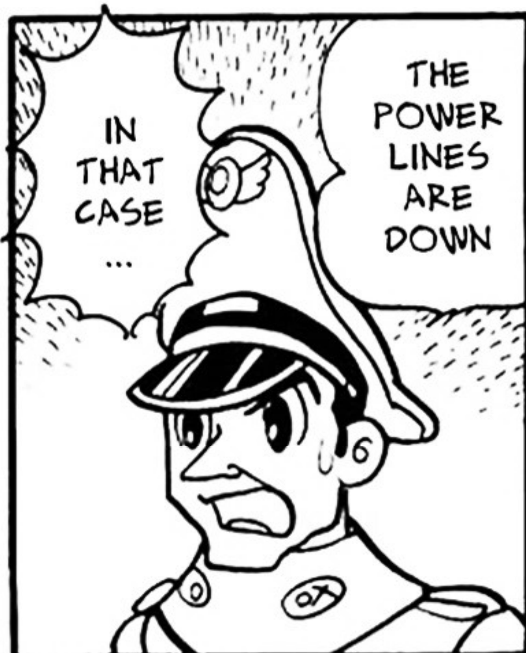

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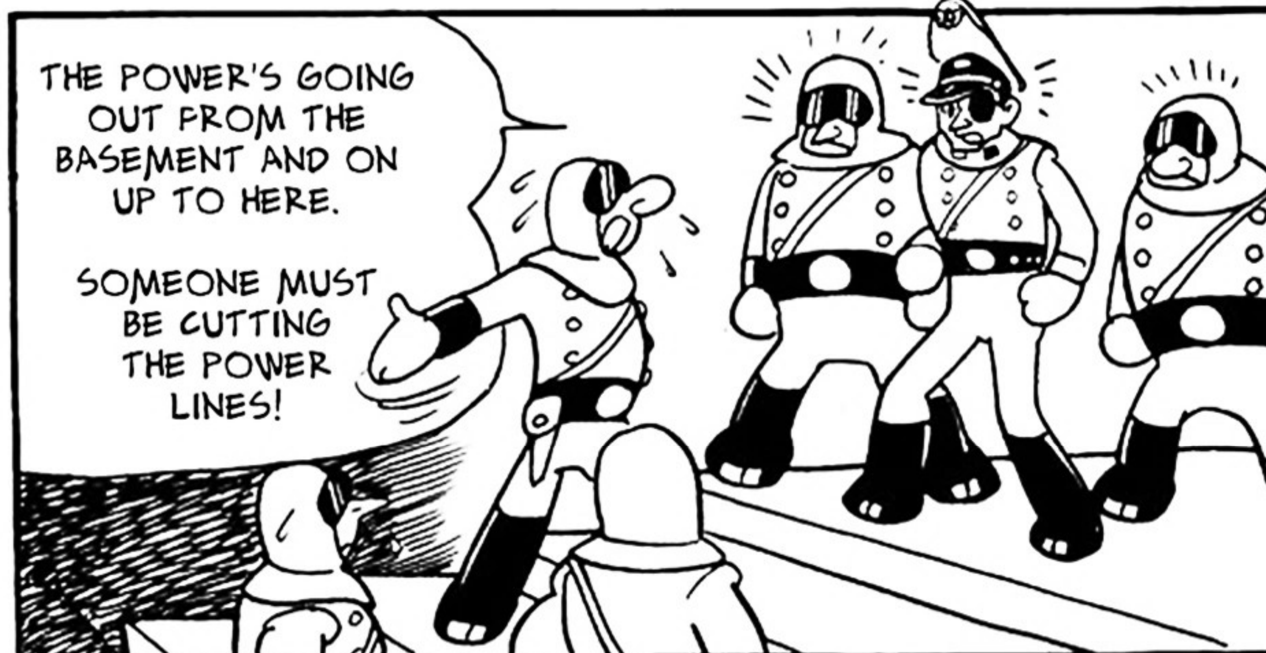


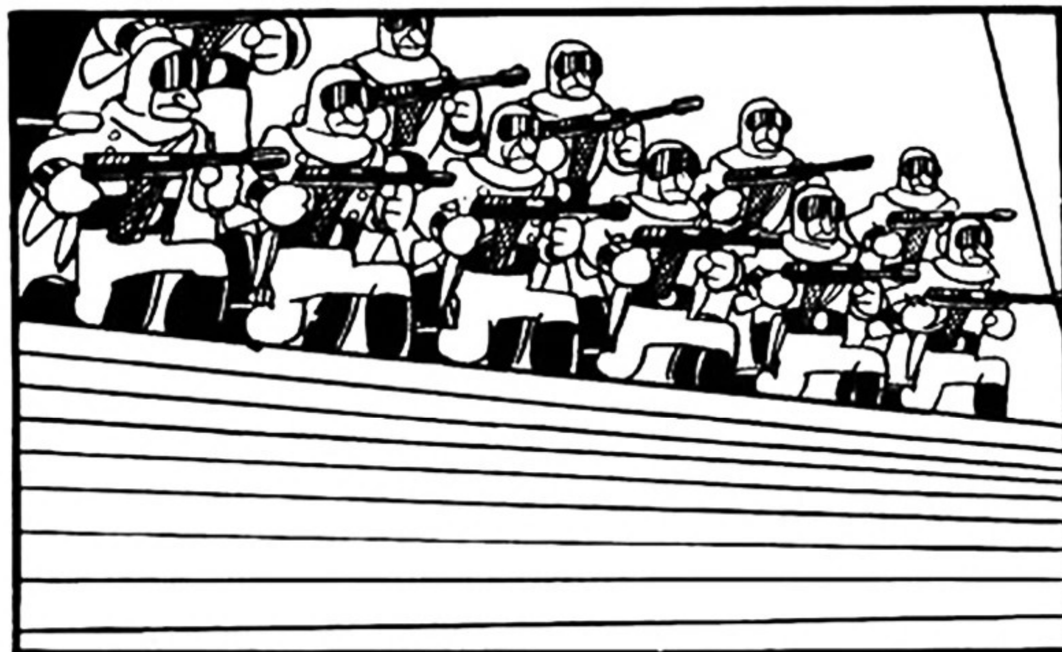

RUN! FOLLOW THE FLIES!

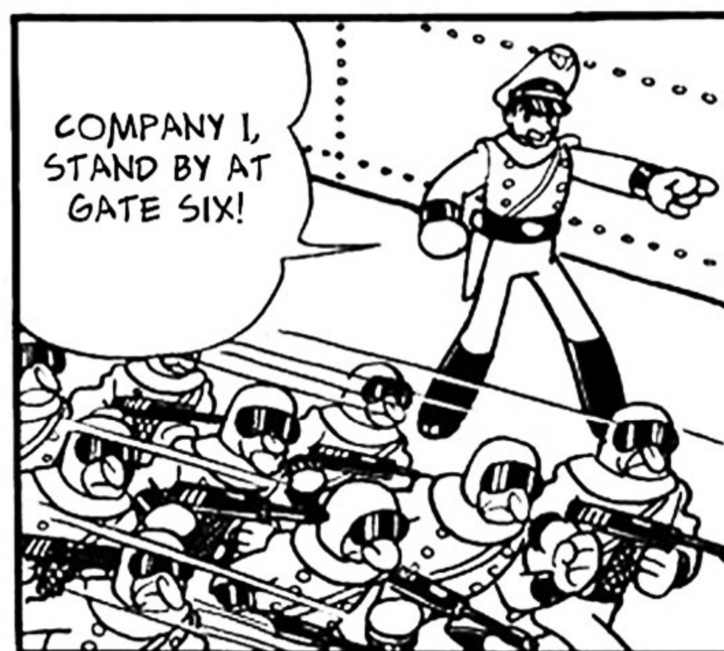

FIRST THE POTATOES, NOW THERE'S MONSTER FLIES?
WHAT'S WITH THE SWARM OF GIANT FLIES COMING FROM THE BASEMENT WORKSHOP?

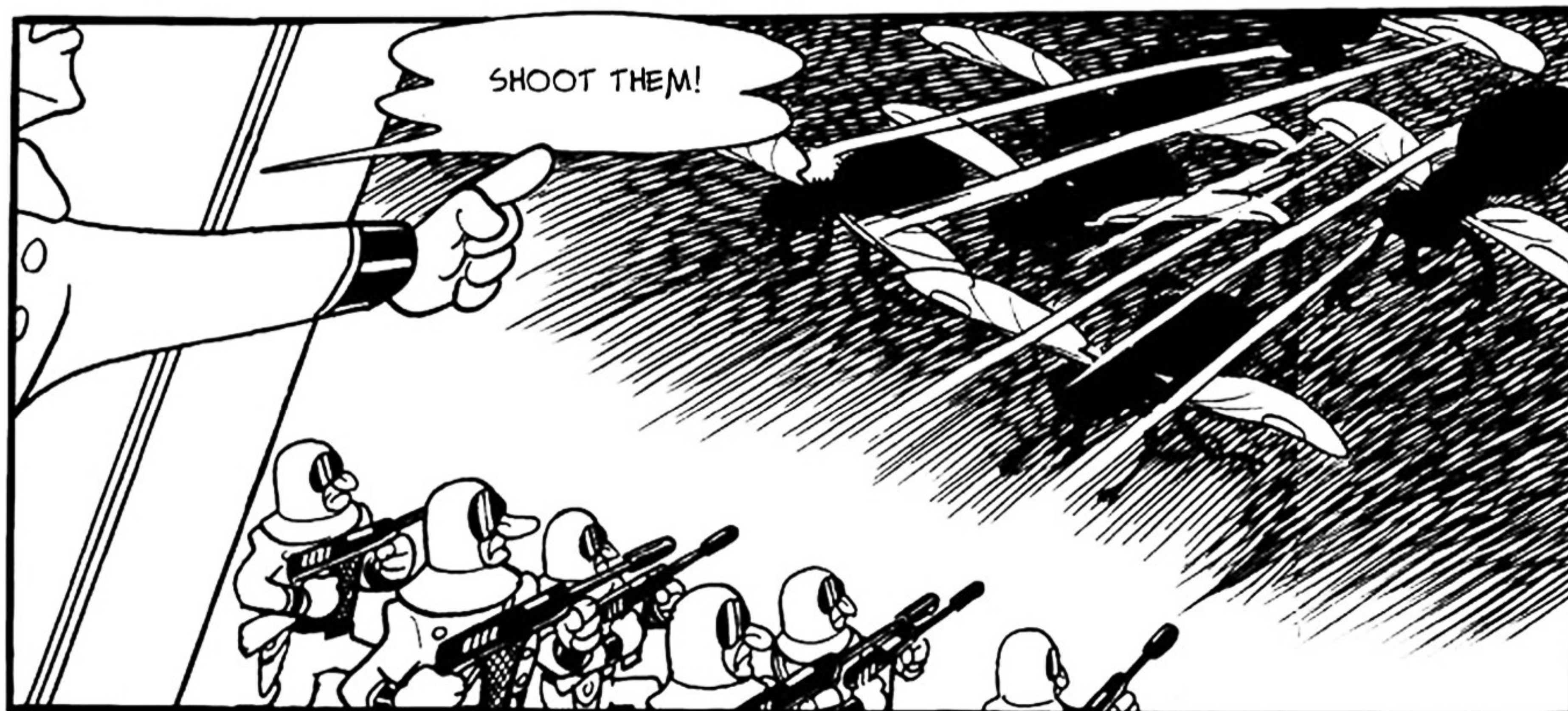

CLOSE ALL THE GATES AND BLOCK THE WAY WITH THE HIGH VOLTAGE CURRENT


THE POWER LINES ARE DOWN
IN THAT CASE ...

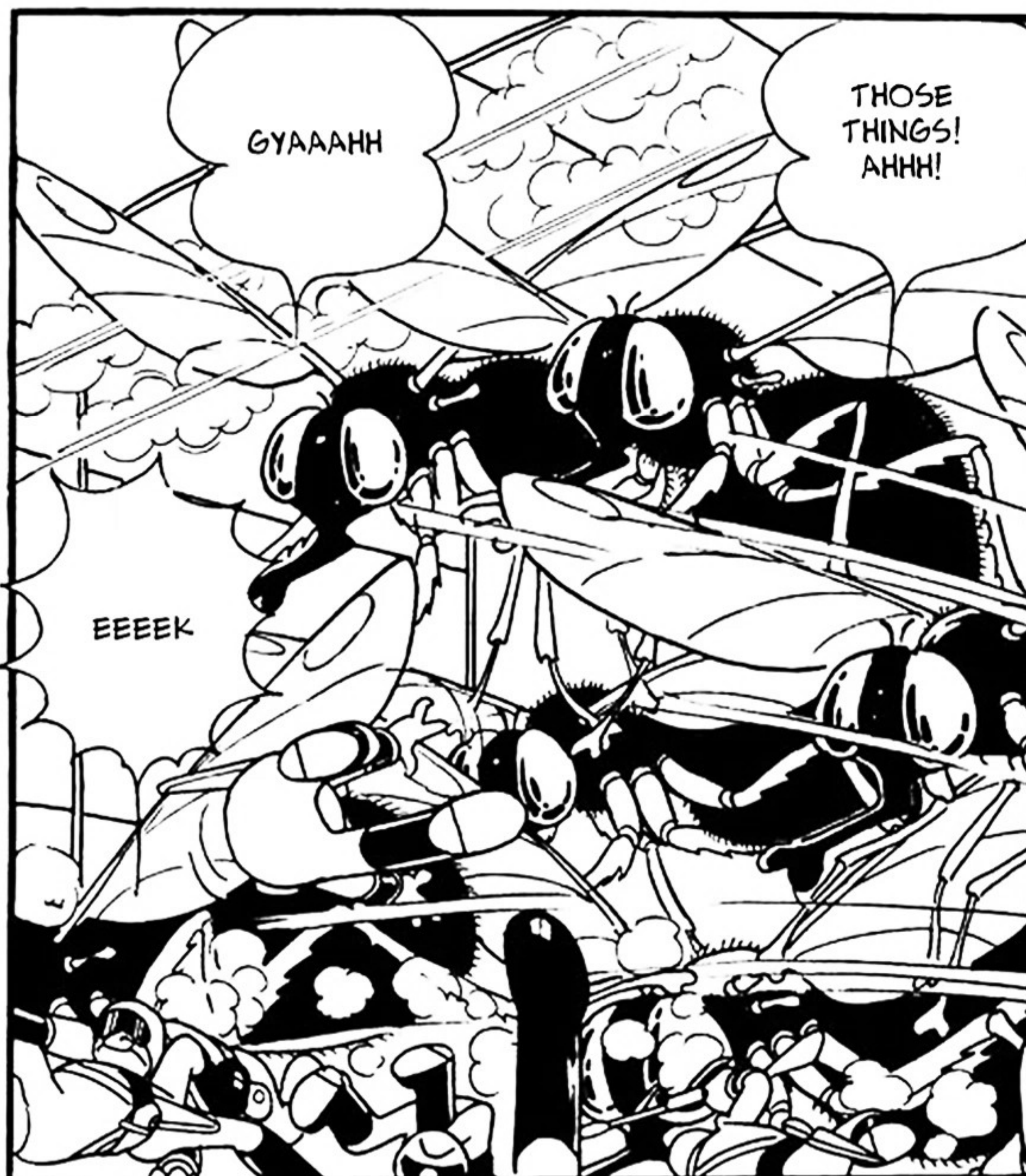

THE POWER'S GOING OUT FROM THE BASEMENT AND ON UP TO HERE.
SOMEONE MUST BE CUTTING THE POWER LINES!

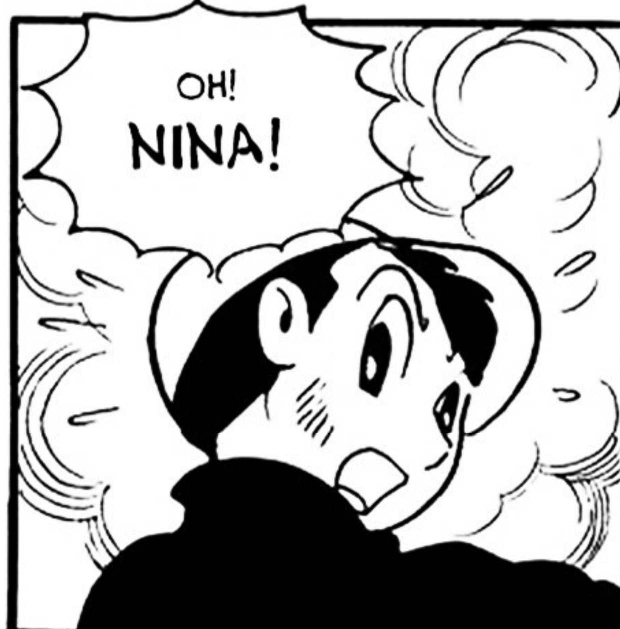



COMPANY I, STAND BY AT GATE SIX!


SHOOT THEM!



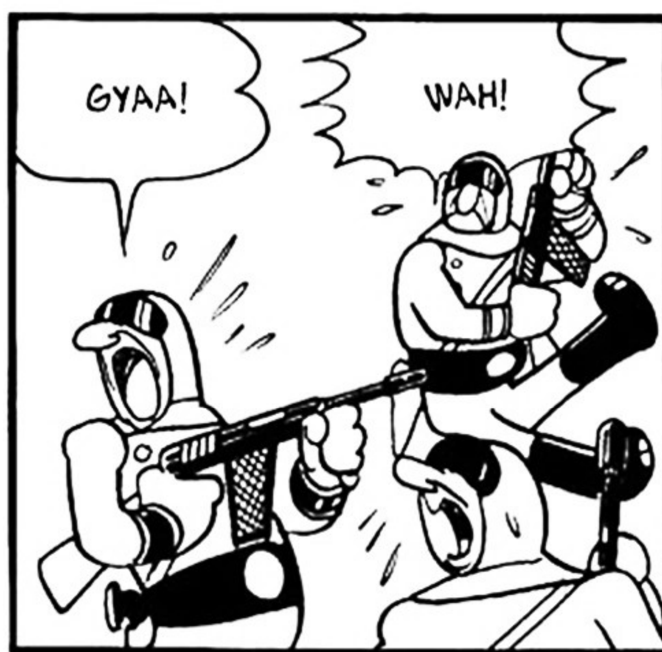

THOSE THINGS! AHHH!
GYAAAHH
EEEEK


OH! NINA!



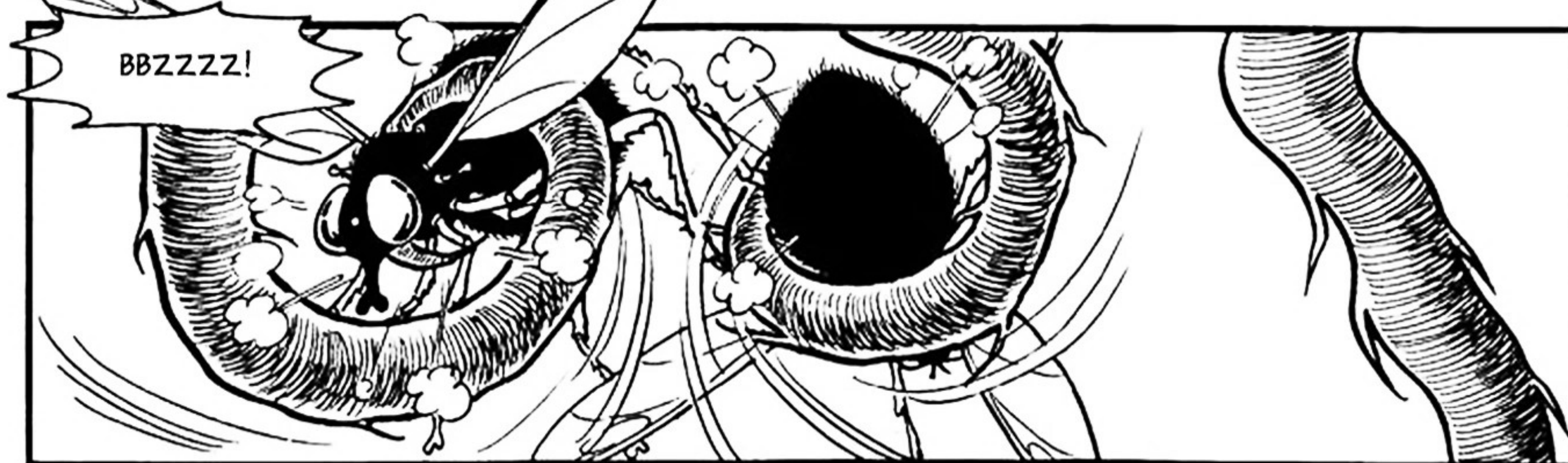

NINA!!!


DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME... JUST GO!

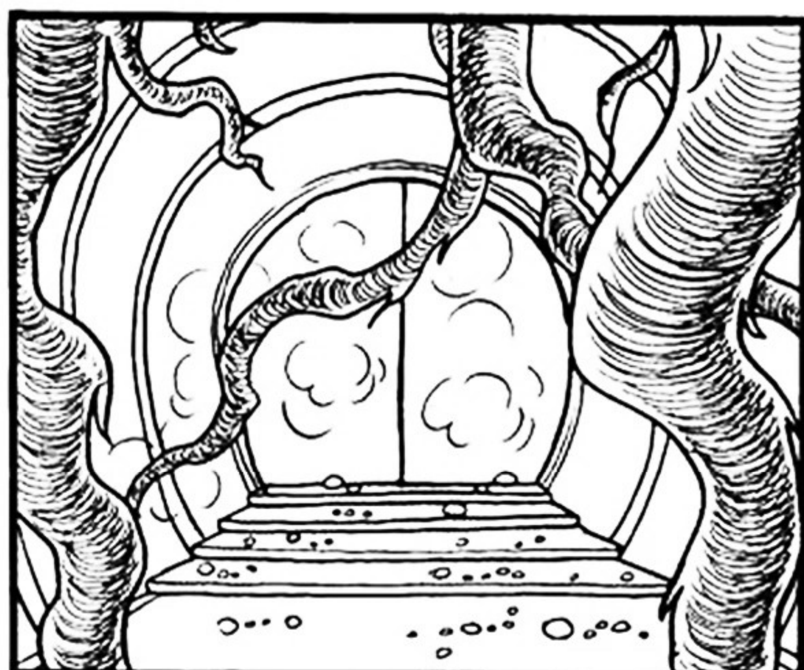

WAH!
GYAA!



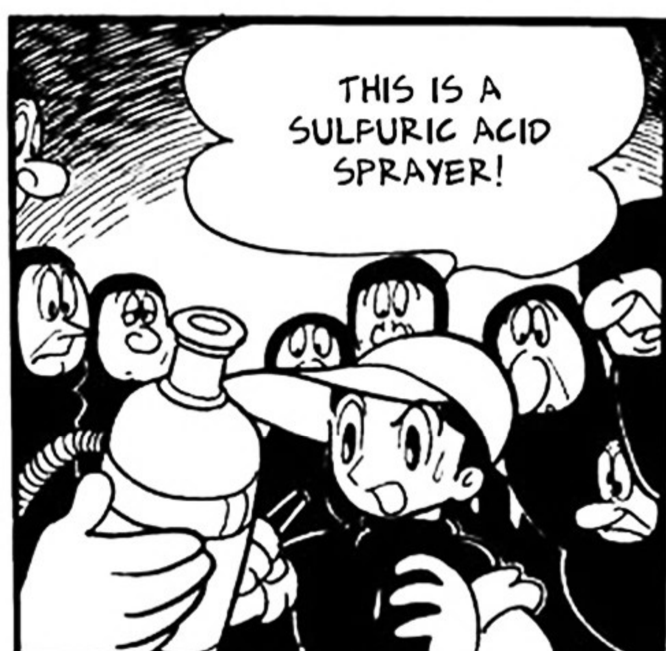
OH NO!
THE POTATO MONSTER
IS IN HERE!



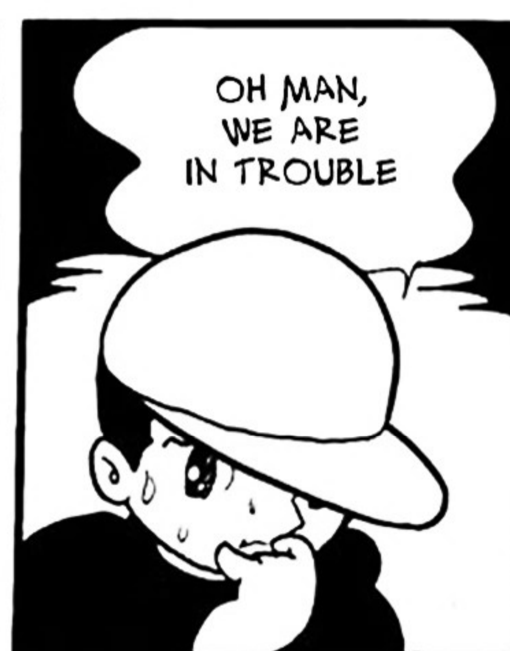





WE'RE ALMOST TO THE EXIT AND YET WE CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER!
WE CAN'T LET THIS HAPPEN!

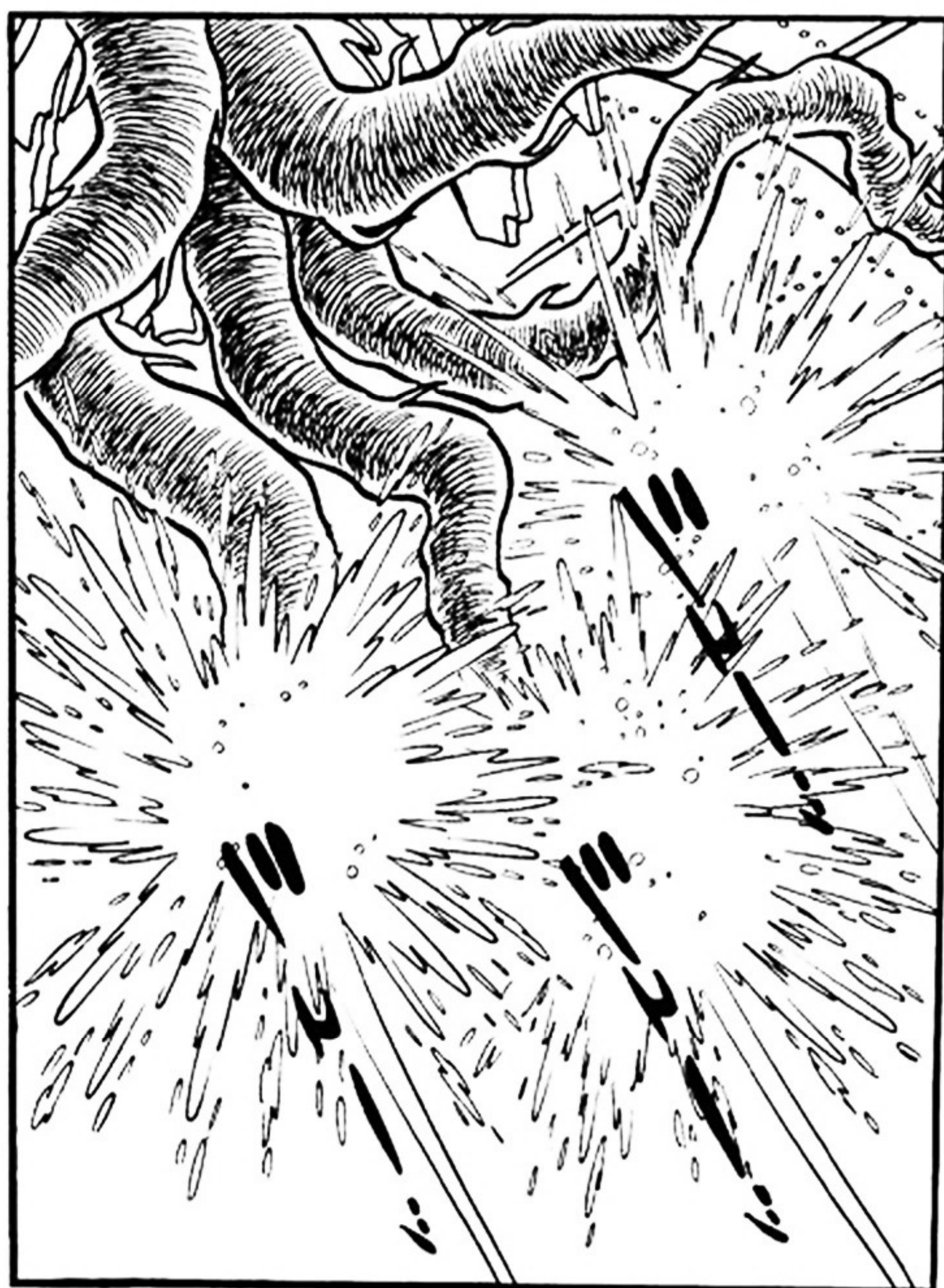

THIS IS A SULFURIC ACID SPRAYER!


HUH! WHAT'S THIS?

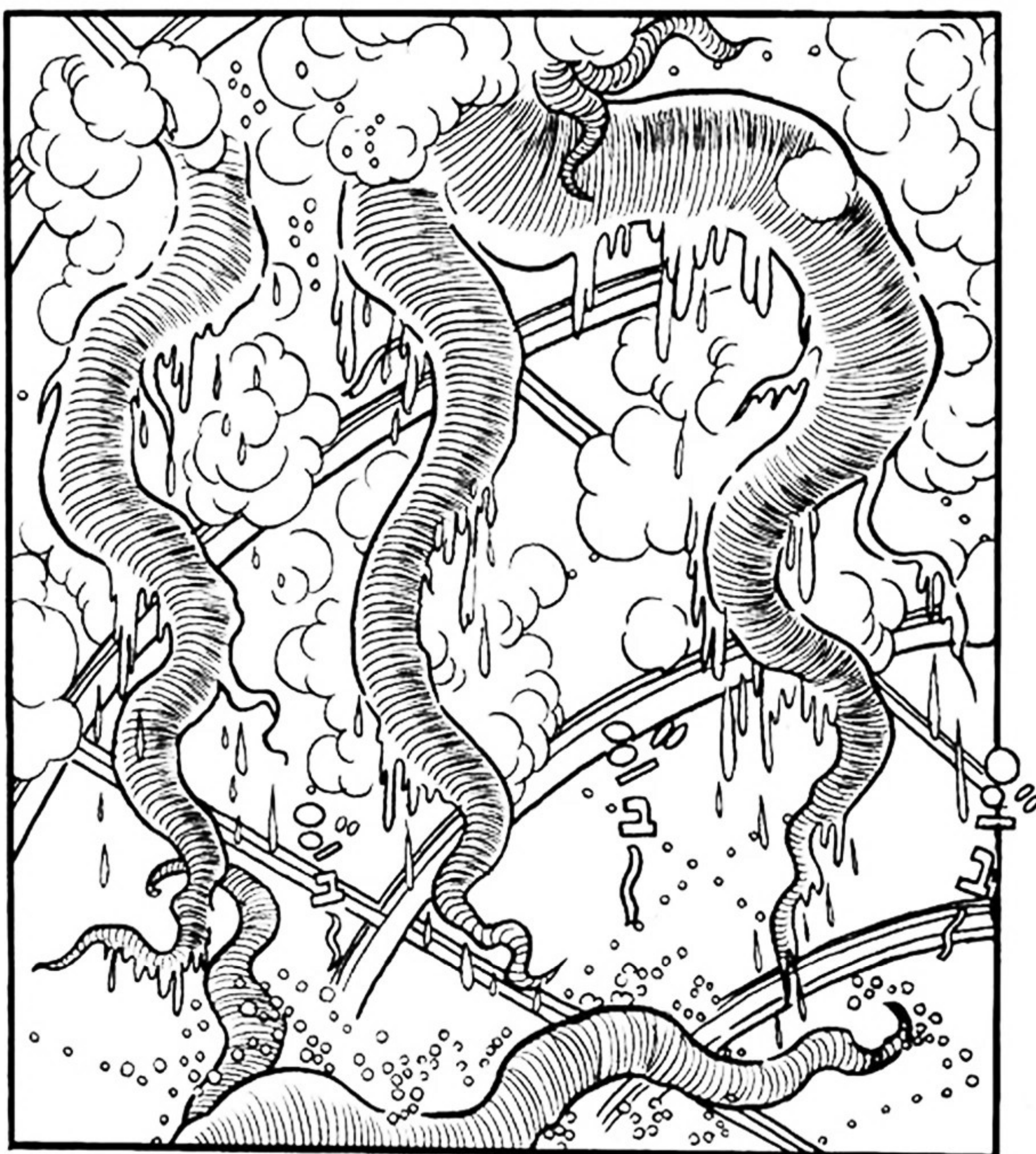

OH MAN, WE ARE IN TROUBLE


EVERYONE GRAB A SPRAYER... MAYBE THIS WILL HELP

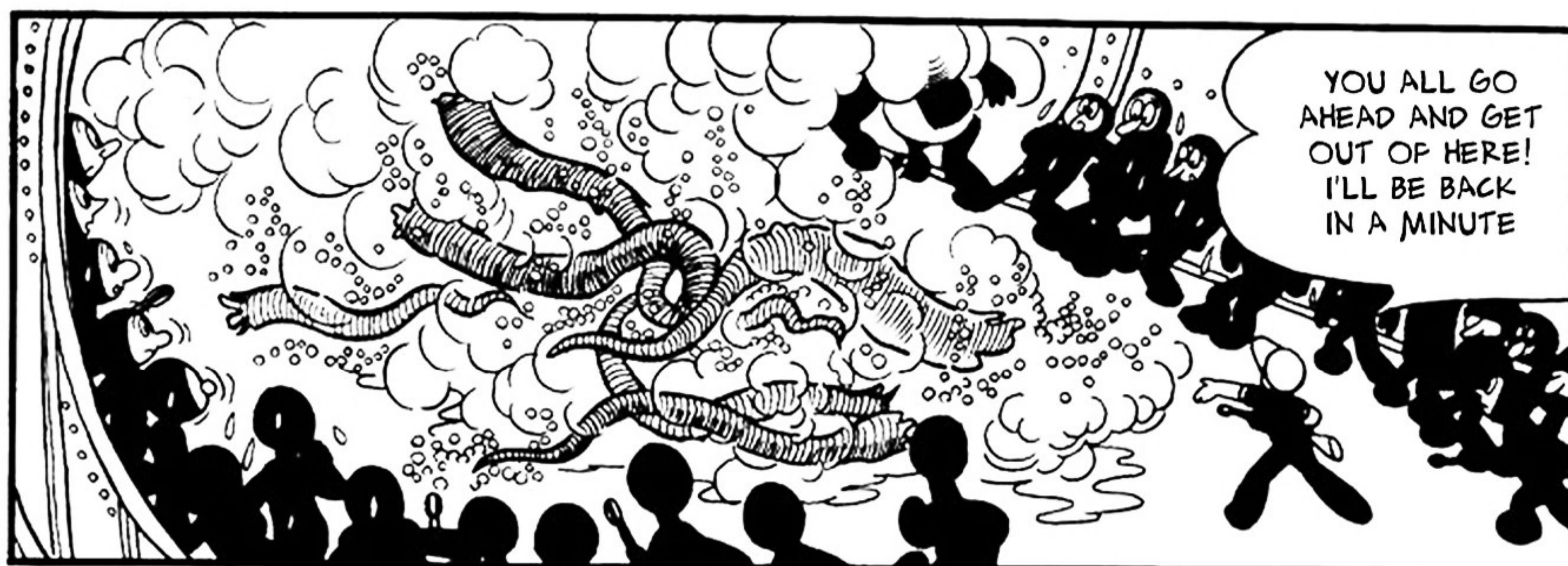

FIRE!




IT'S GOOD!
IT'S GOING RIGHT THROUGH THE WALL






YOU ALL GO AHEAD AND GET OUT OF HERE! I'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE


NINA! I'M COMING!






THERE YOU ARE, LITTLE PUNK


NINA!

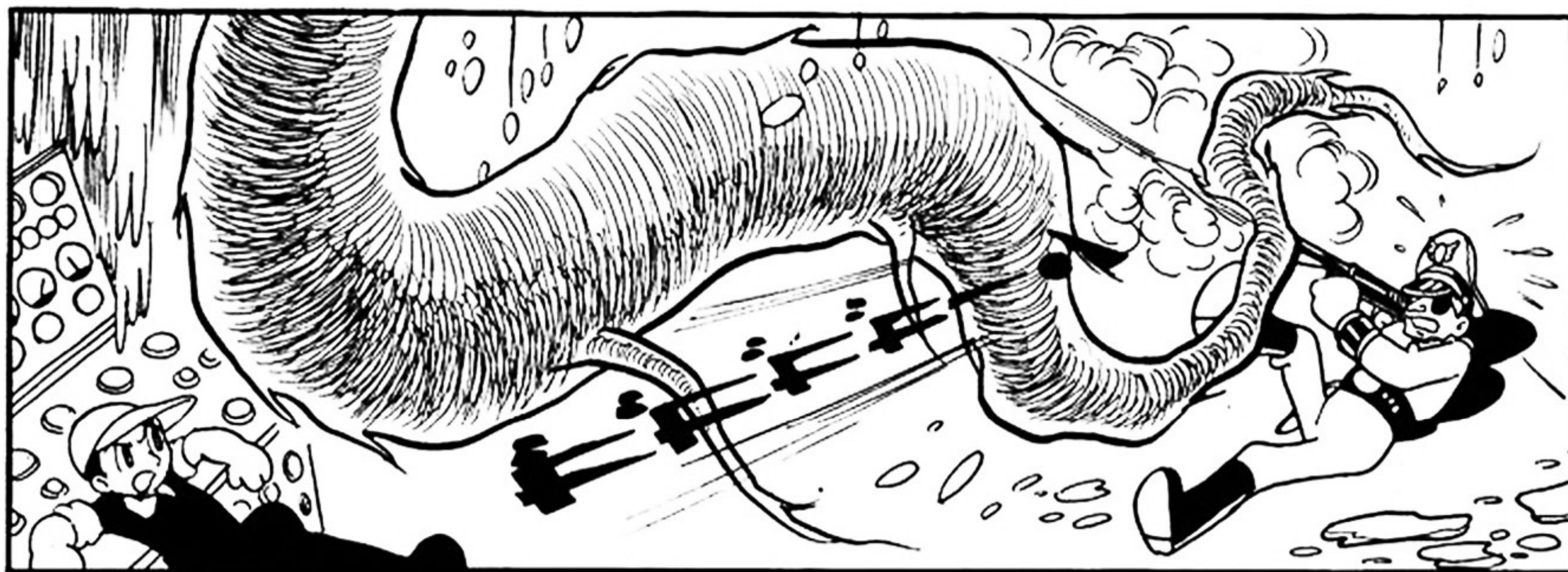

NINA! WHERE DID YOU GO?


I'LL USE EVERY SINGLE BULLET I HAVE TO SHOOT YOU AND THOSE PEOPLE



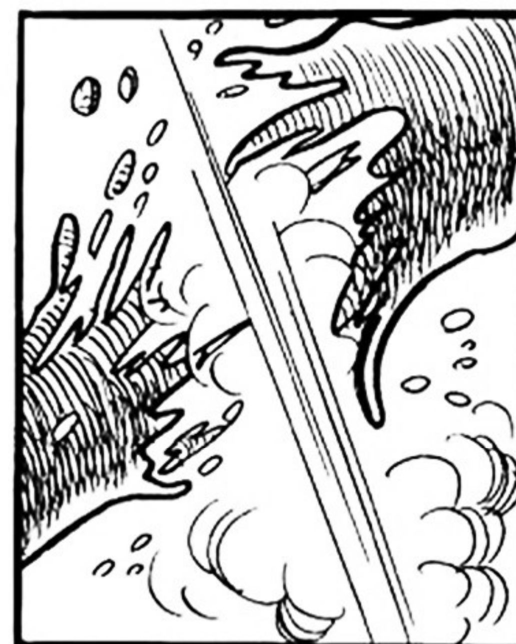

HOW DARE YOU LET THOSE PEOPLE GET AWAY! I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU.

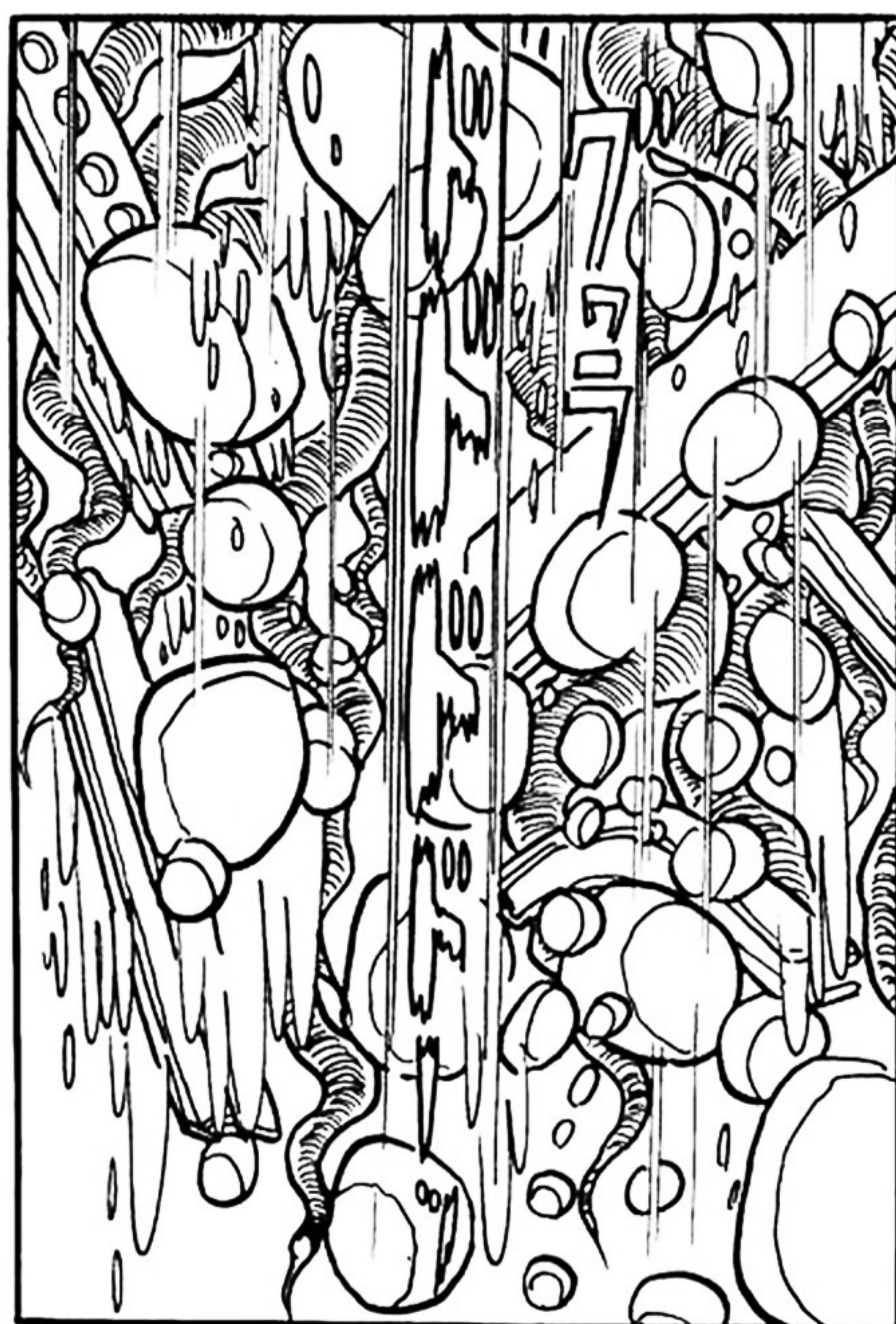
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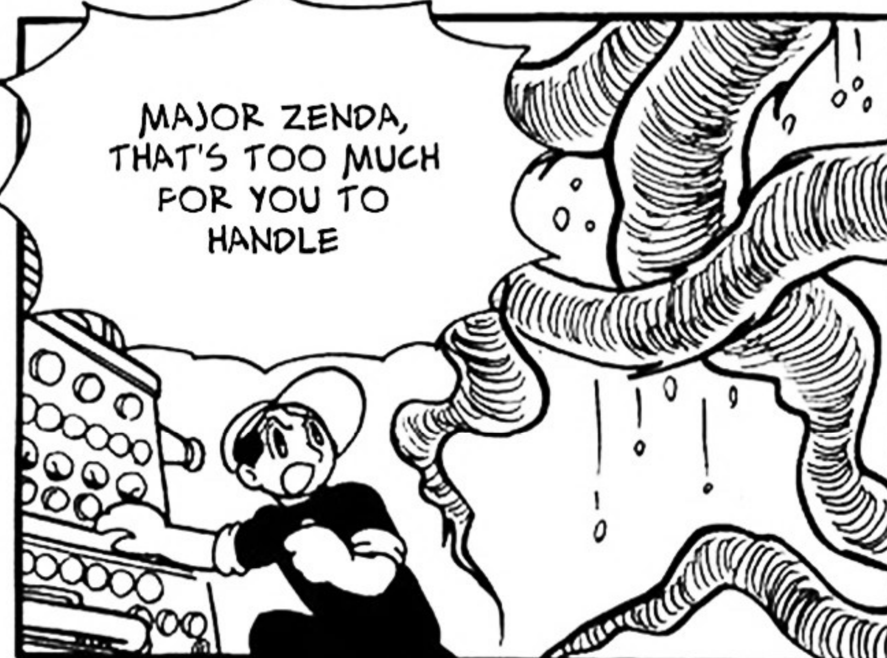


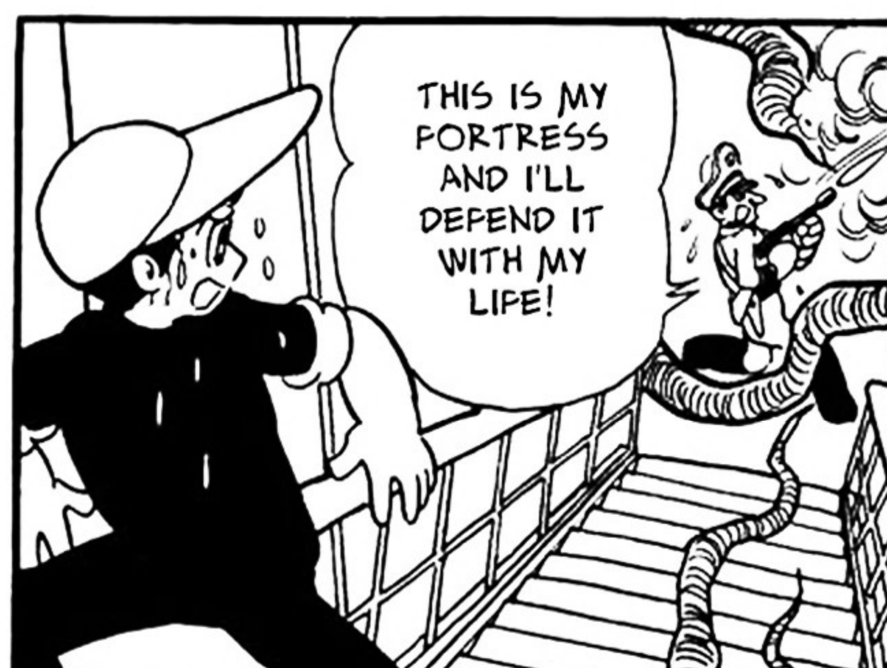






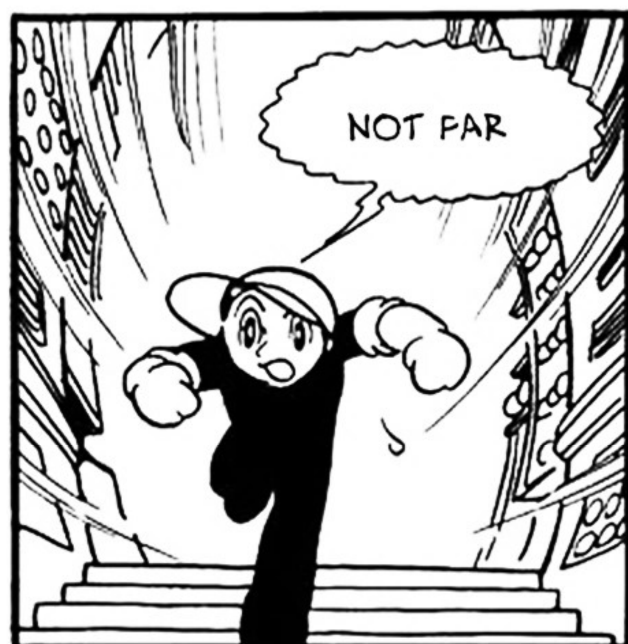



MAJOR ZENDA, THAT'S TOO MUCH FOR YOU TO HANDLE


THIS IS MY FORTRESS AND I'LL DEFEND IT WITH MY LIFE!

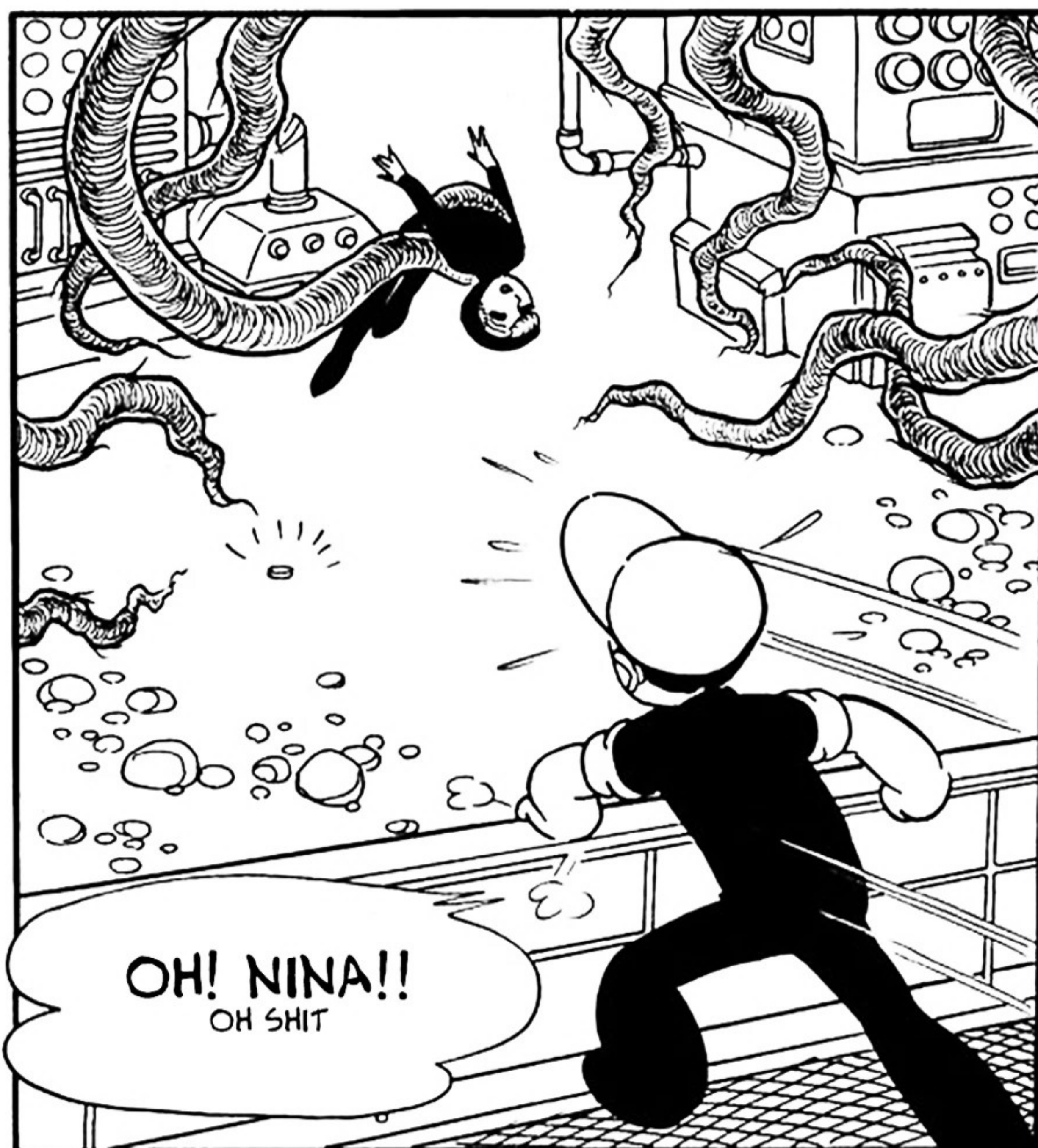

OH SHIT




NOT FAR

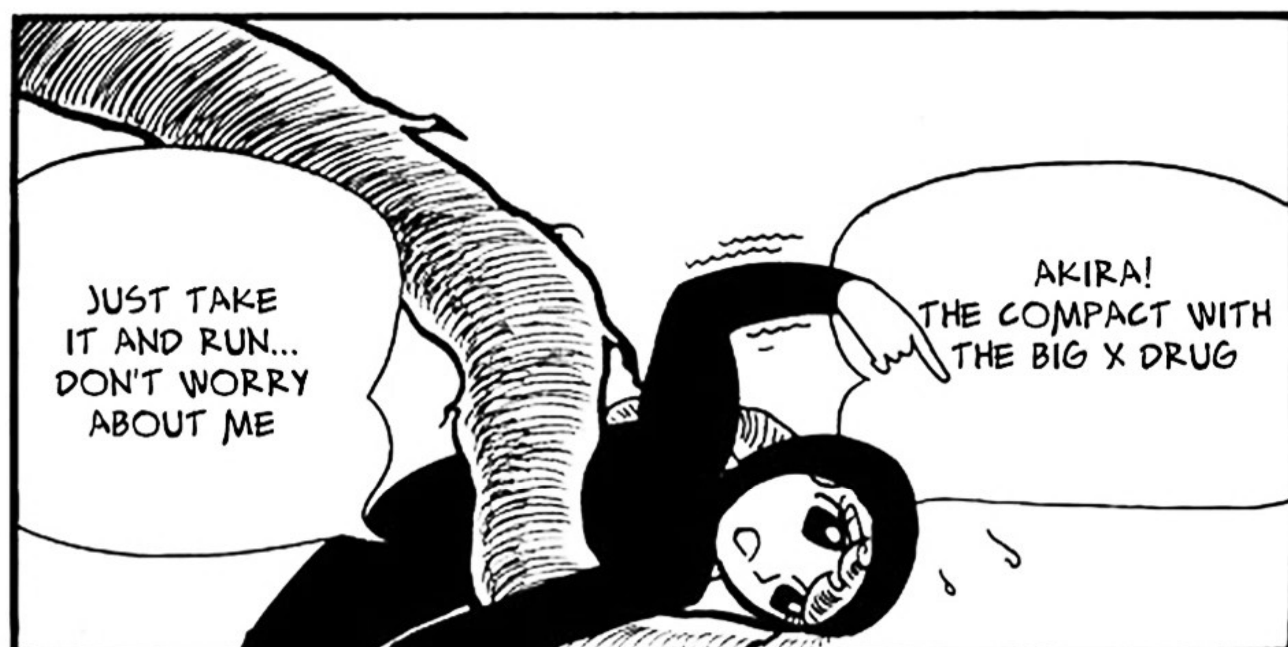

AKIRA!
NINA, WHERE ARE YOU?

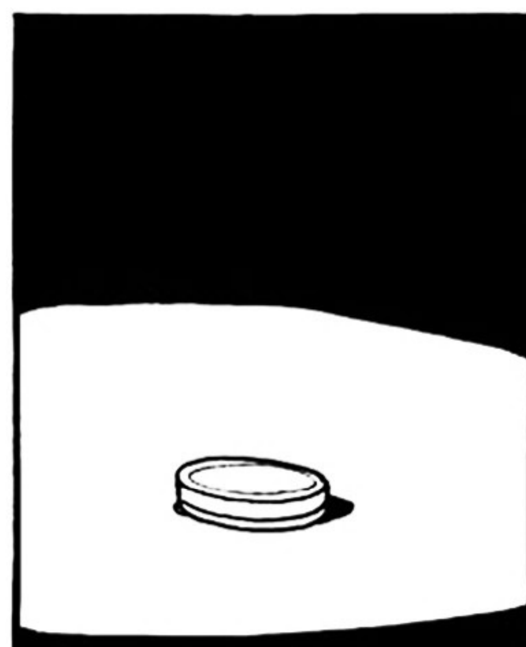

NINA!

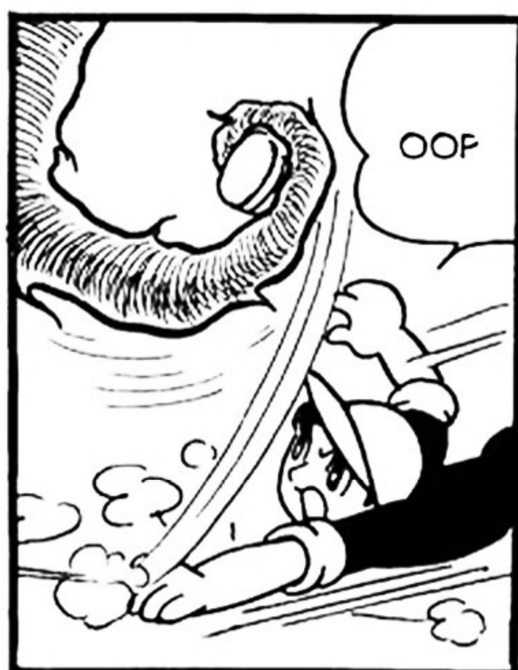

OH! NINA!!
OH SHIT


I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE, AKIRA... I'LL LEAVE THE BIG X DRUG HERE

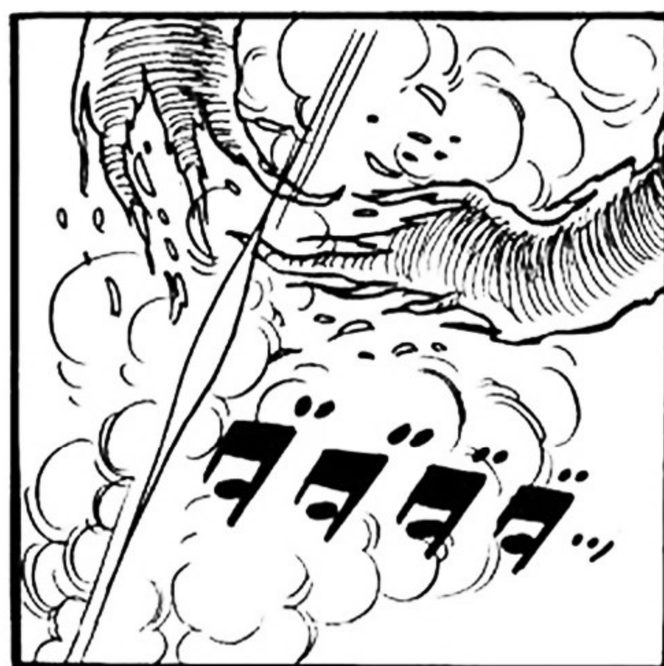

DON'T TALK LIKE THAT! I'M COMING!


AKIRA! THE COMPACT WITH THE BIG X DRUG
JUST TAKE IT AND RUN... DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME

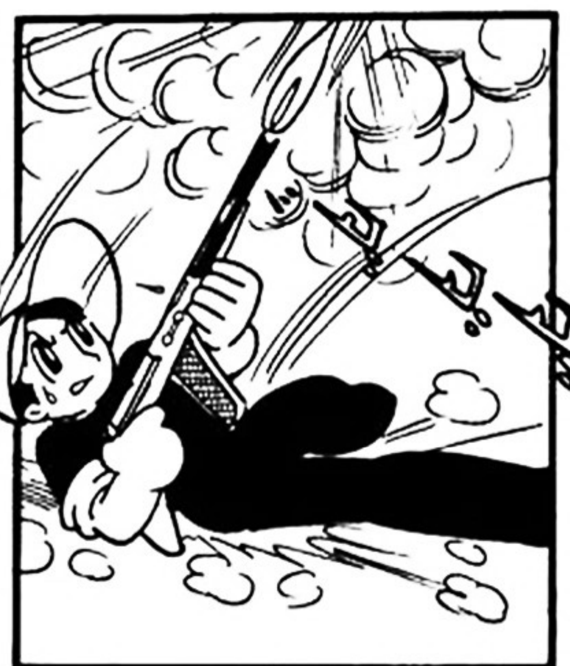



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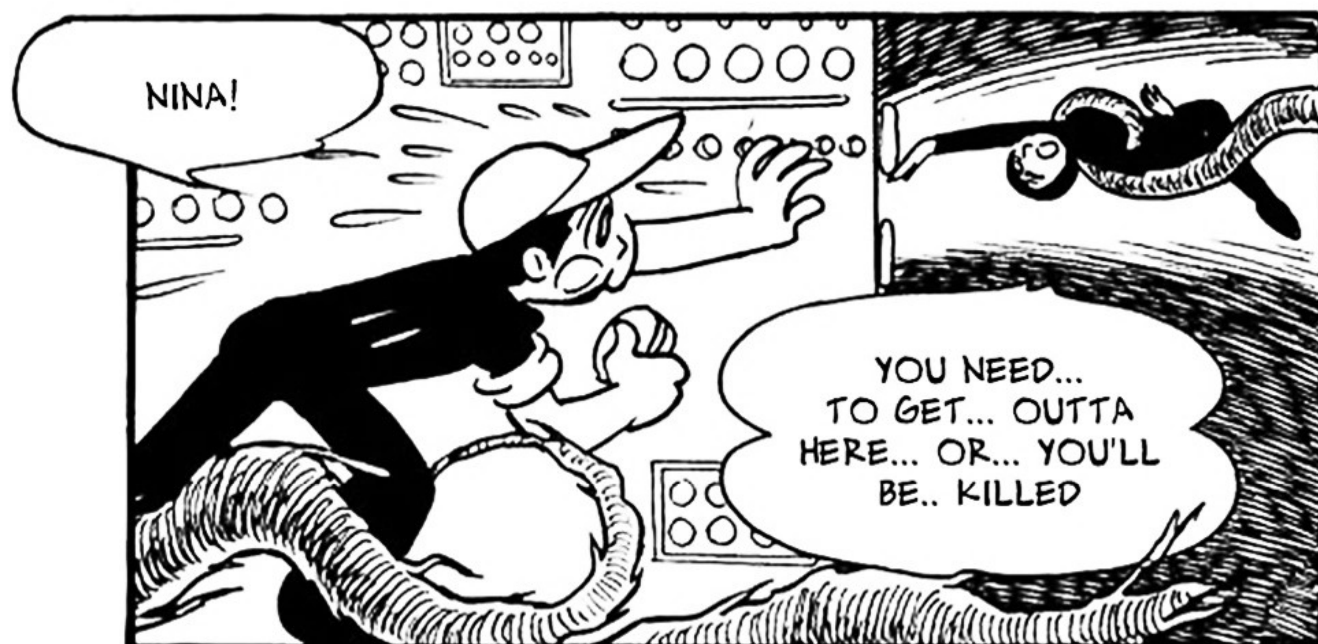





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WHERE'D IT GO

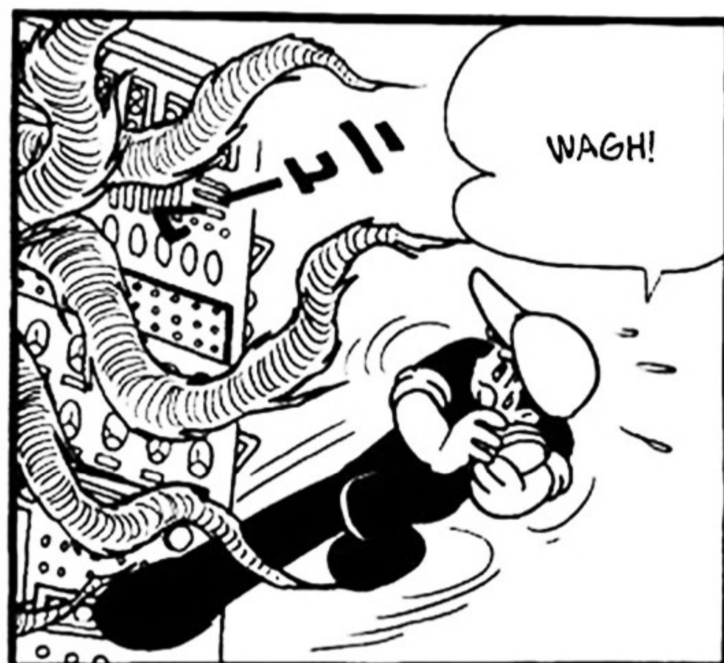


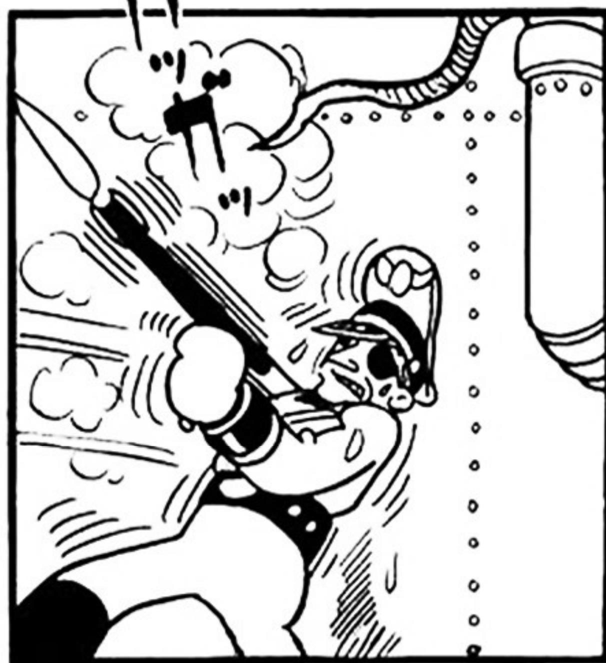

NINA!
YOU NEED... TO GET... OUTTA HERE... OR... YOU'LL BE.. KILLED

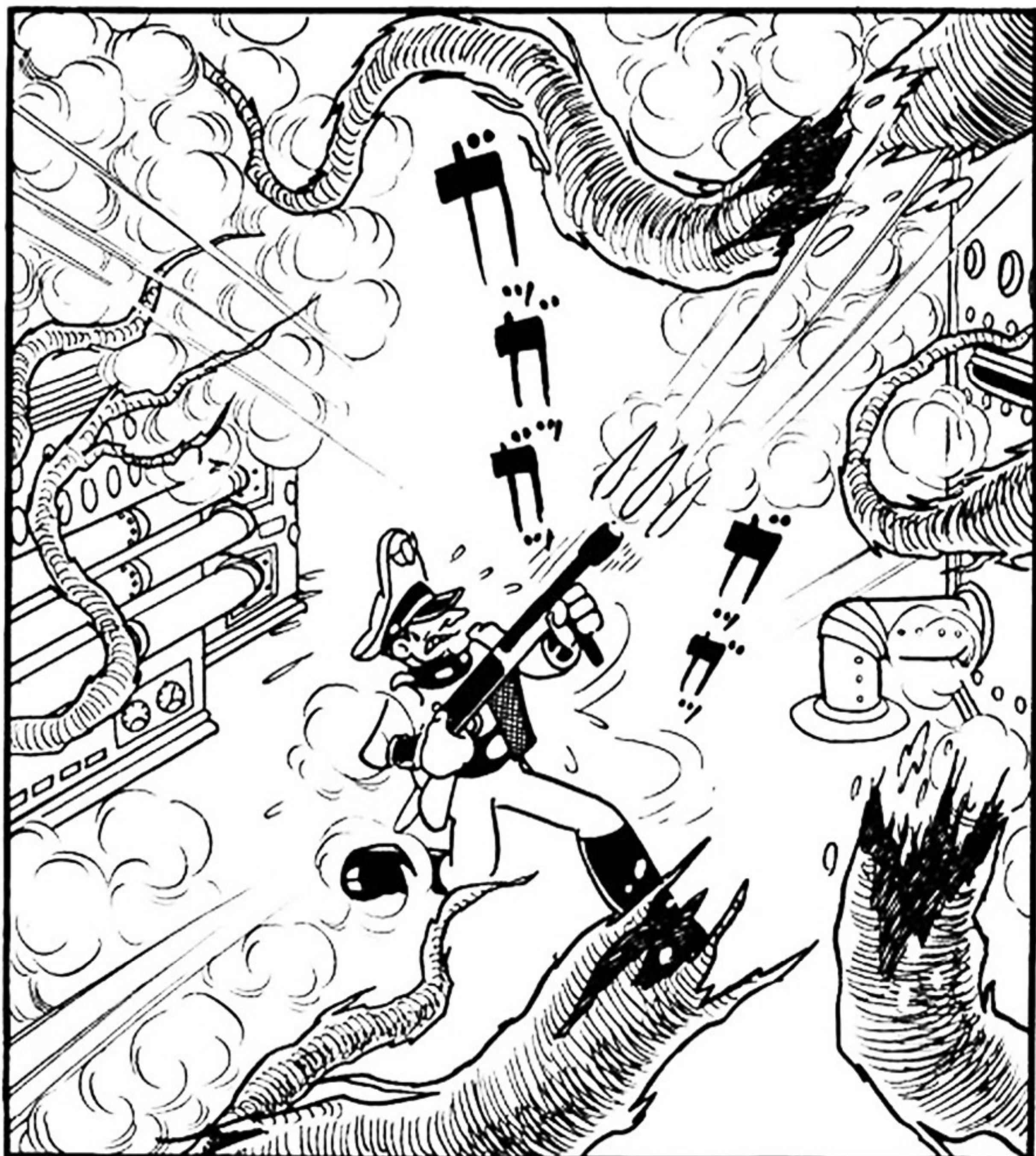




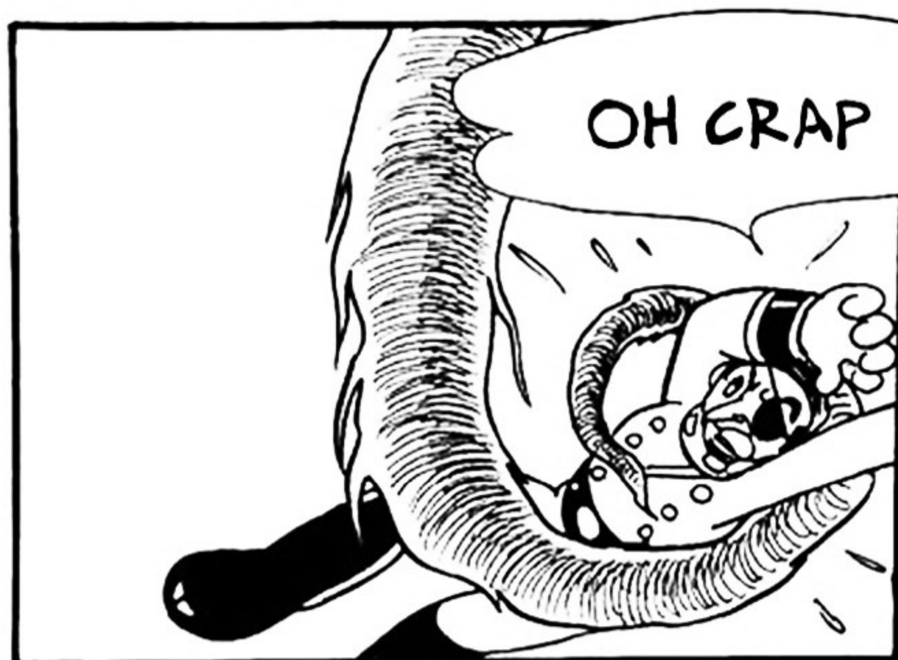

NINA! I'M SORRY


WAGH!

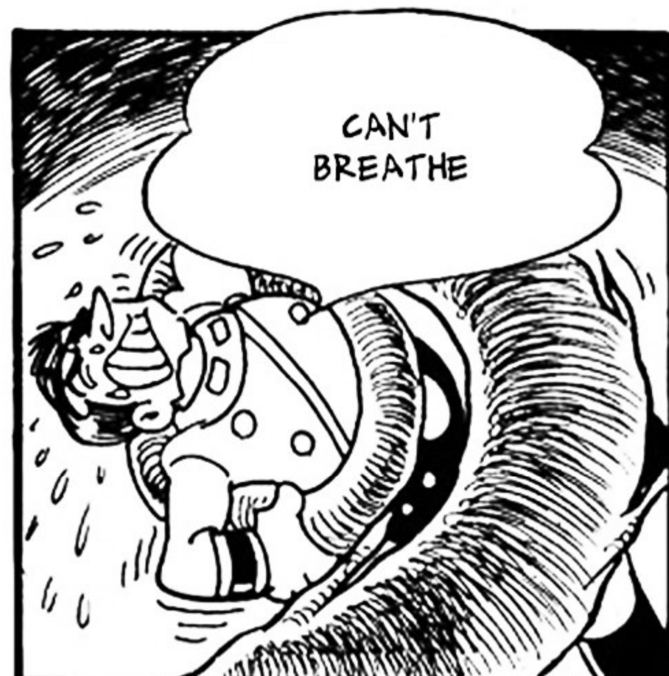


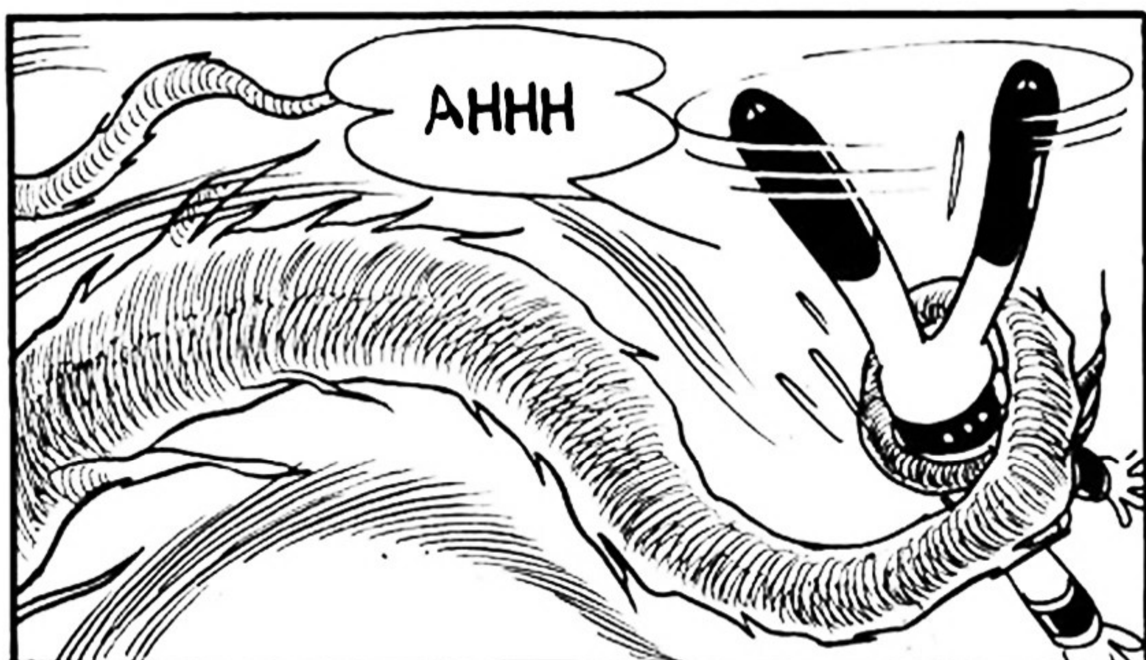



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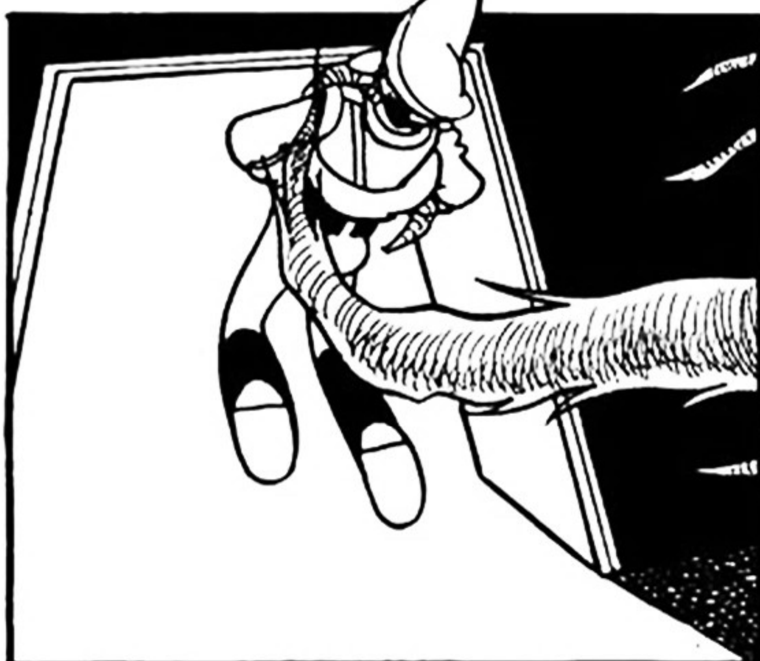

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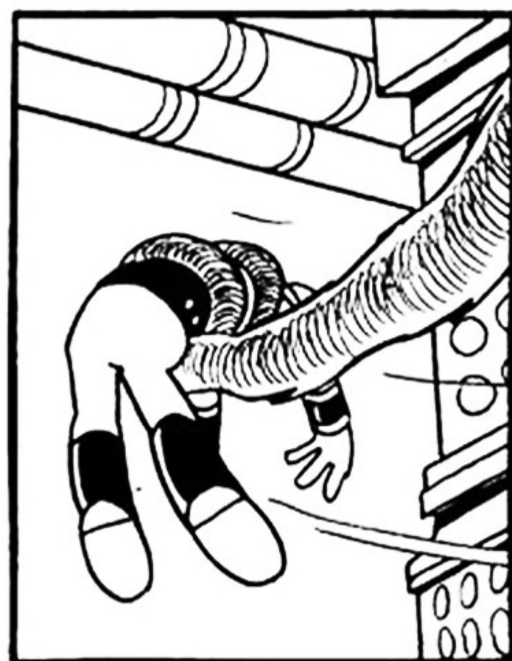



CAN'T
BREATHE


AHHH



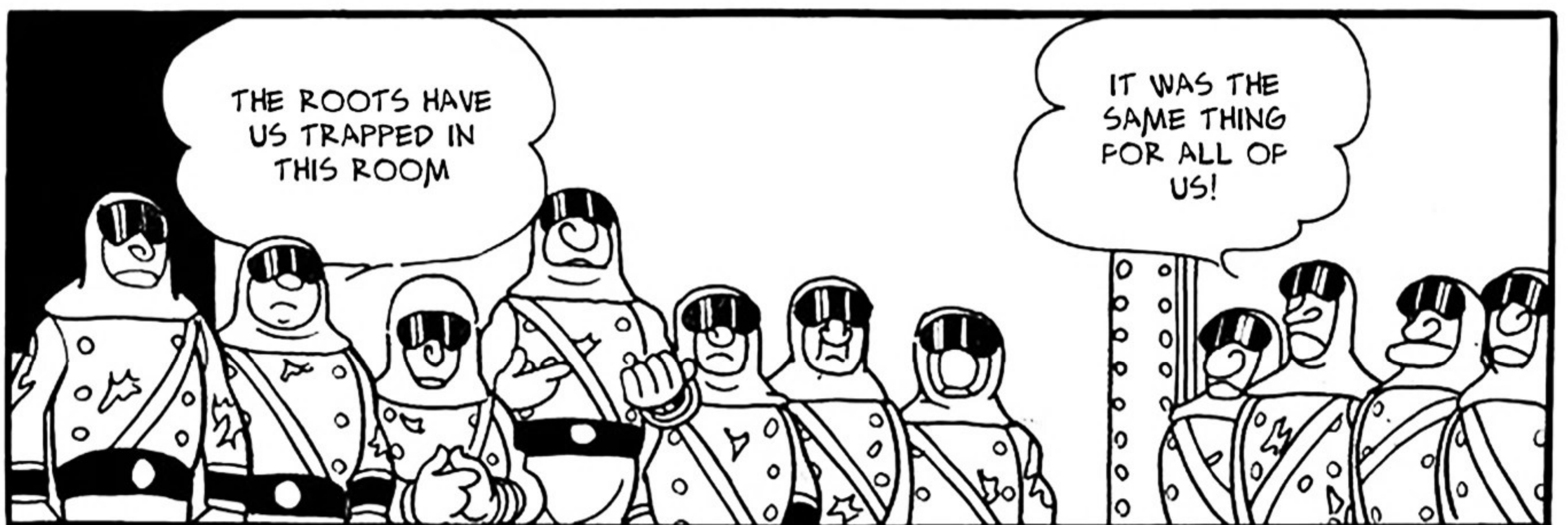


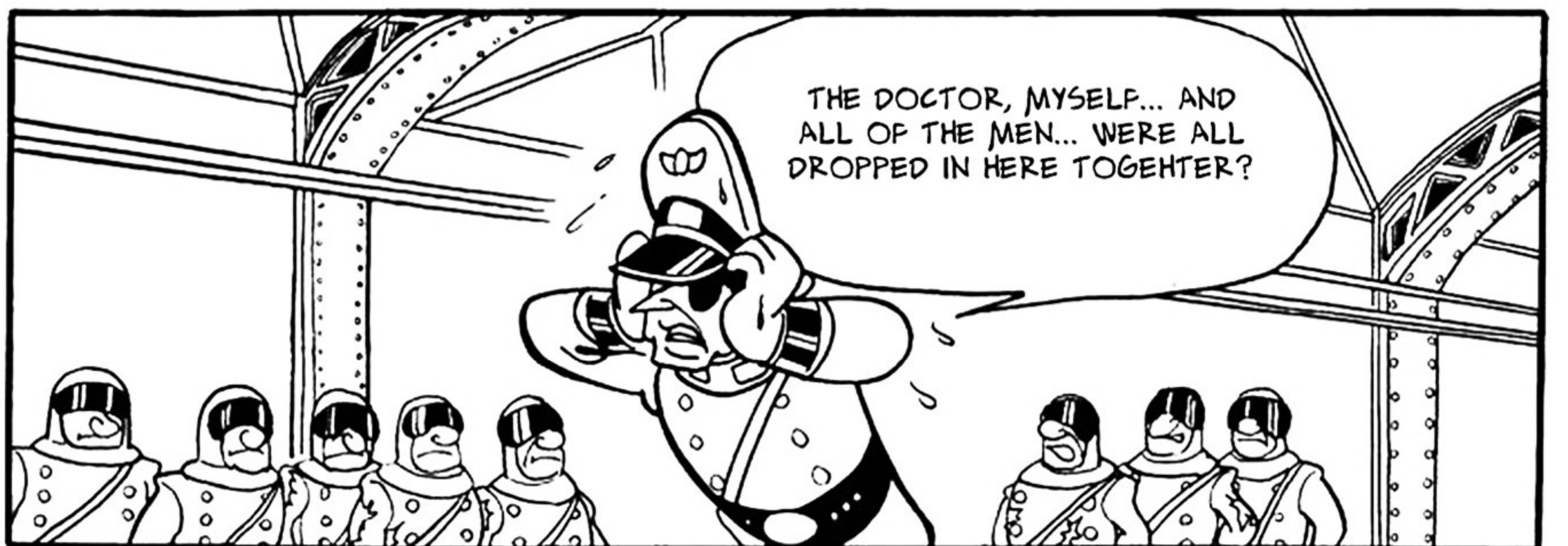



DR. BURP, WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?
I'D LIKE TO KNOW TOO, MAJOR ZENDA

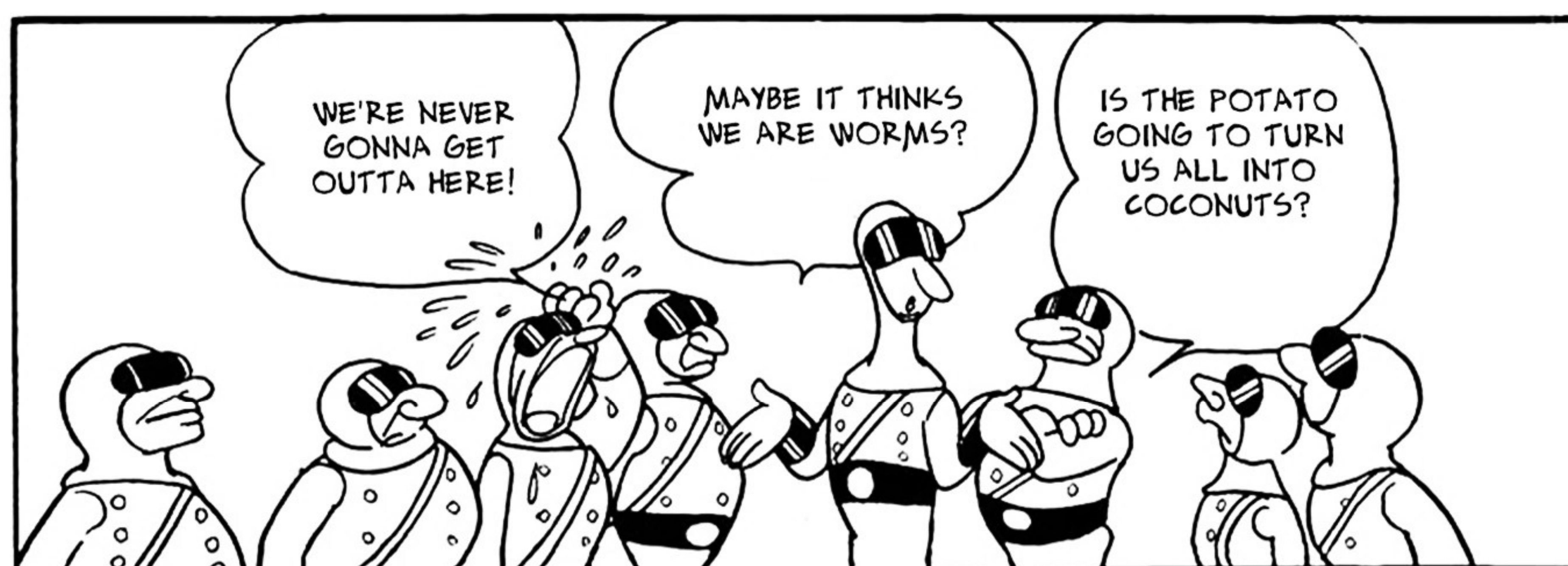

IT'S YOU

I WAS IN A DUNGEON CELL THAT YOU THREW ME IN. BUT THEN A POTATO ROOT BURST THROUGH THE WALL AND CARRIED ME INTO THIS ROOM

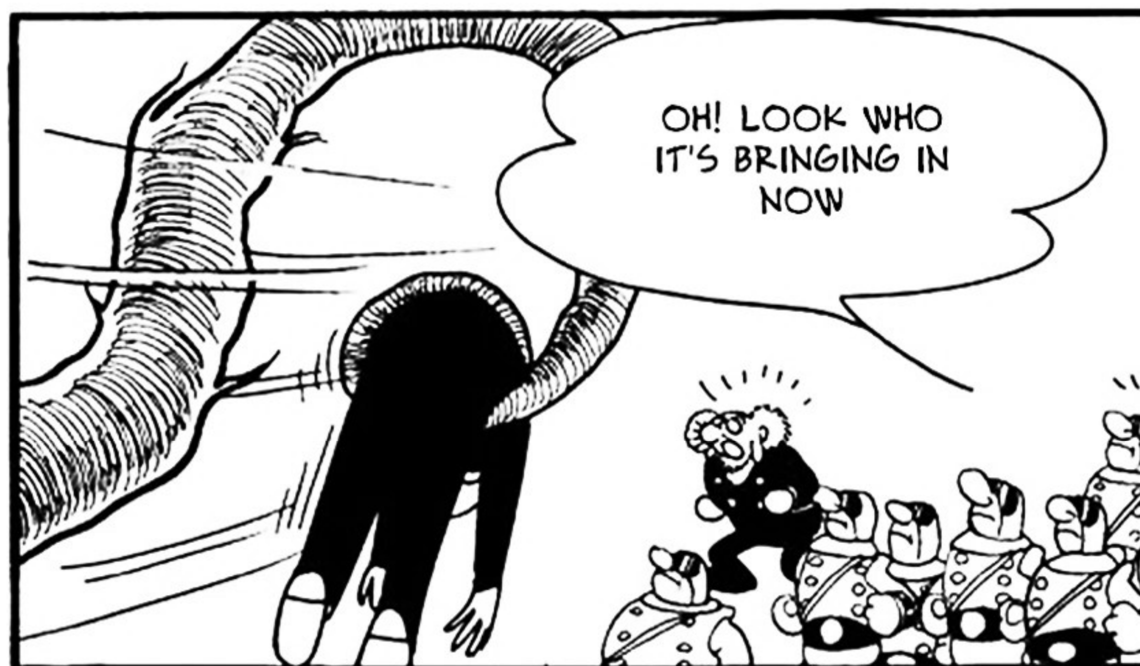


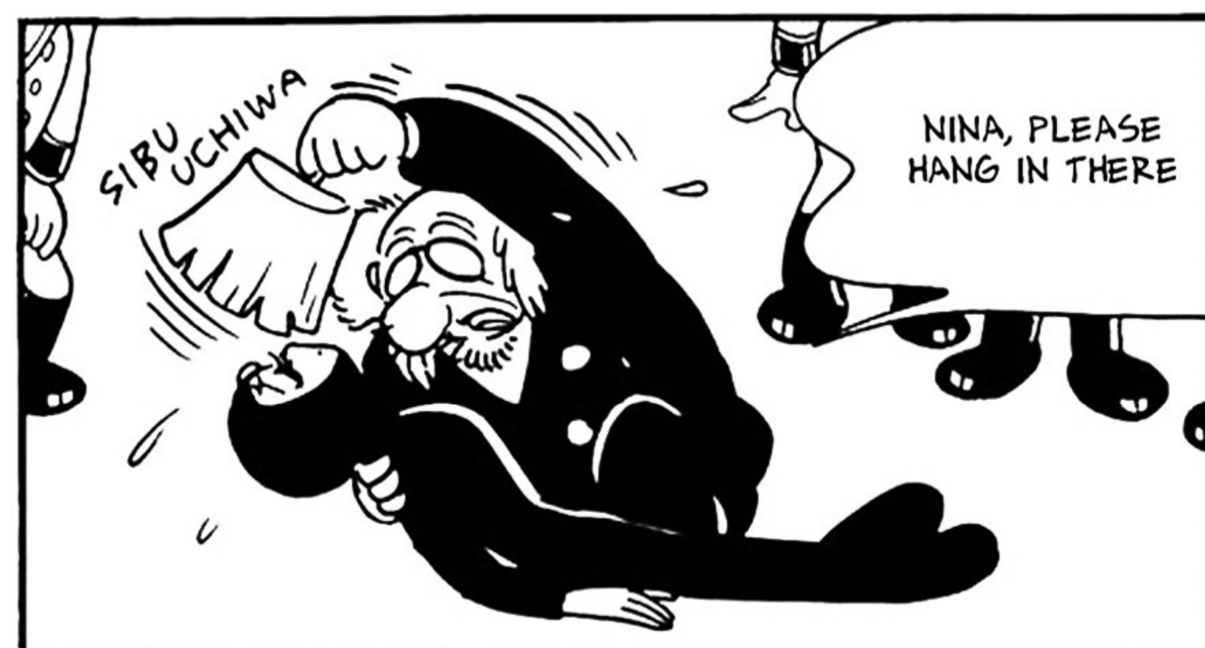



FIRST OF ALL, HOW WOULD THE POTATOES HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO THIS?
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WOULD CAUSE THE POTATO TO DO THAT


WE'RE NEVER GONNA GET OUTTA HERE!
MAYBE IT THINKS WE ARE WORMS?
IS THE POTATO GOING TO TURN US ALL INTO COCONUTS?




OH! LOOK WHO IT'S BRINGING IN NOW


SIBU UCHIWA
NINA, PLEASE HANG IN THERE


HEY! IT'S NINA!


AKIRA MUST'VE ESCAPED WITH THE BIG X DRUG

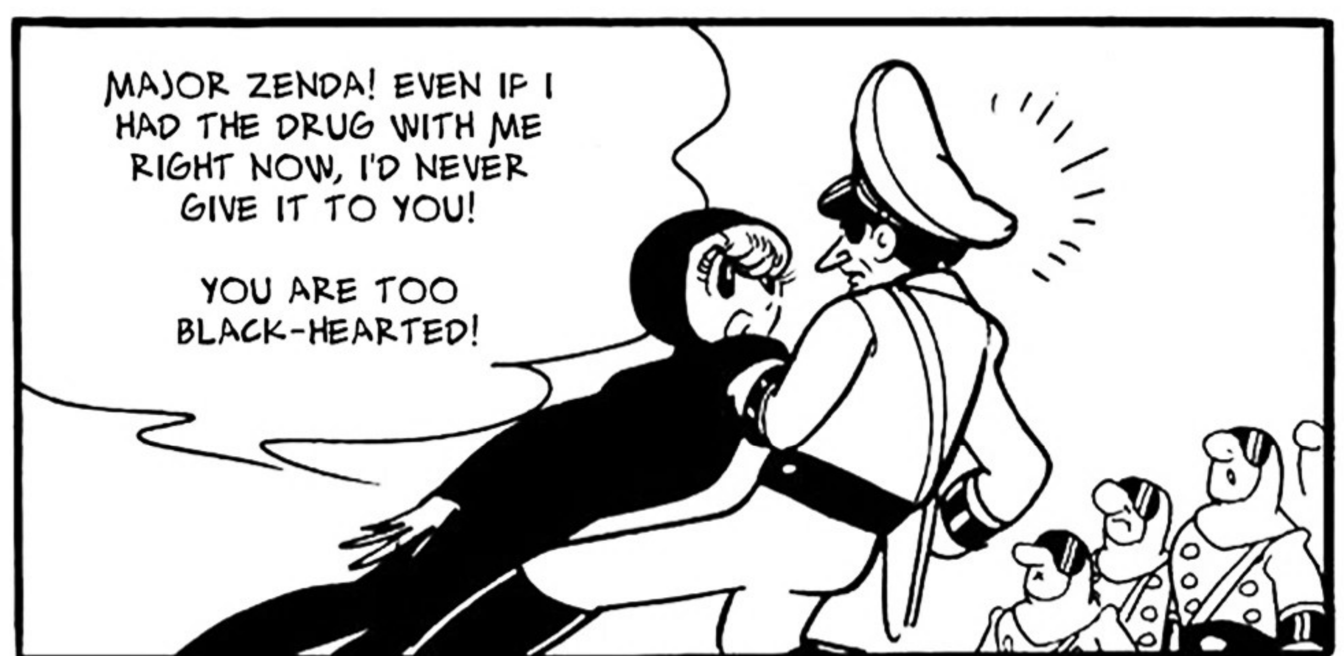

WHERE AM I?
OH GOOD! YOU'RE AWAKE! WHERE'S AKIRA?




IF I HAD THAT DRUG, I WOULDN'T BE IN THIS JAM RIGHT NOW!
WE'D ALL BE ABLE TO GET OUTTA HERE!


WHAT?? WITH THE BIG X DRUG???

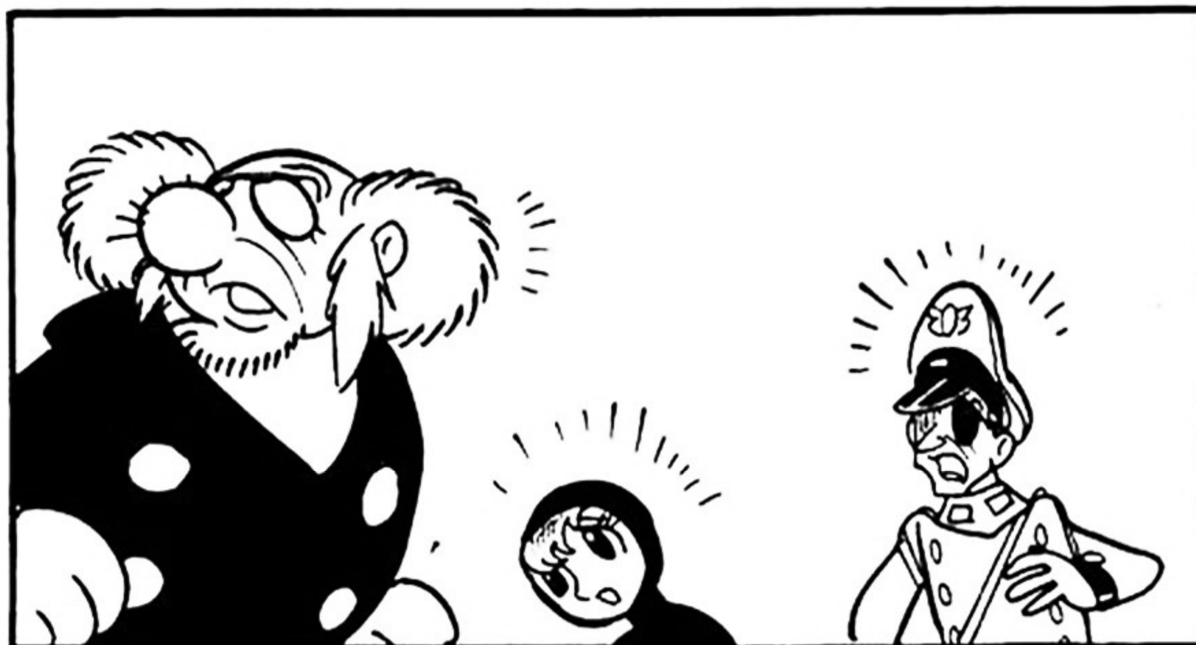



MAJOR ZENDA! EVEN IF I HAD THE DRUG WITH ME RIGHT NOW, I'D NEVER GIVE IT TO YOU!
YOU ARE TOO BLACK-HEARTED!

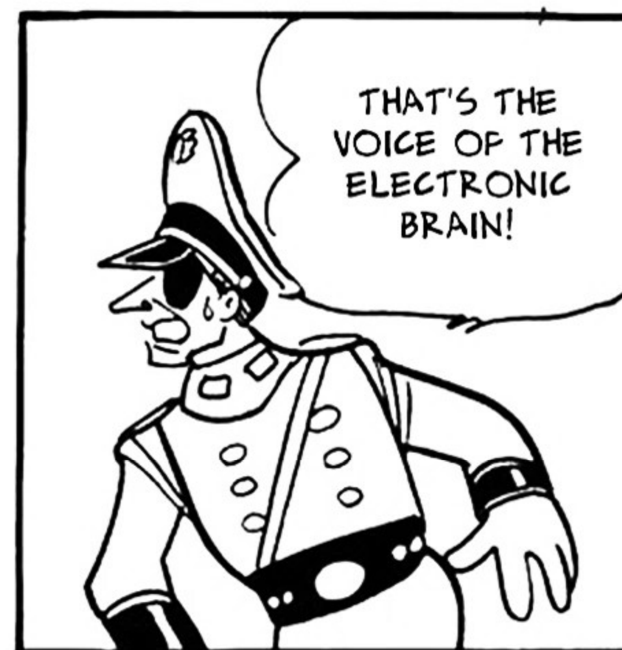

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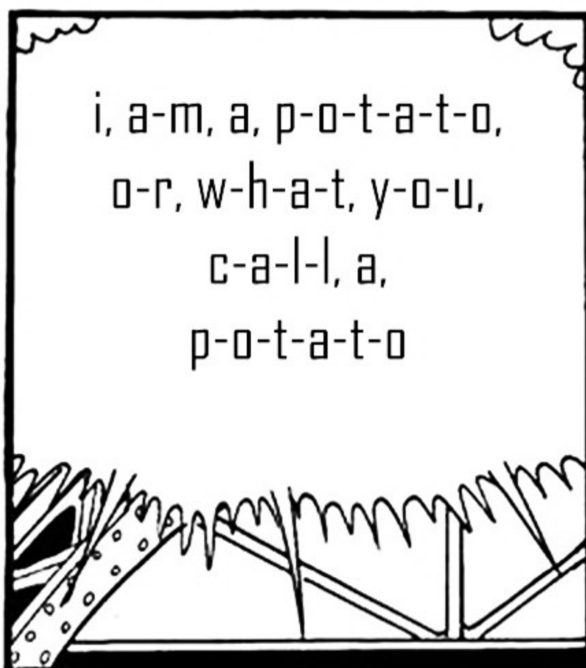

STOP IT MAJOR ZENDA!!

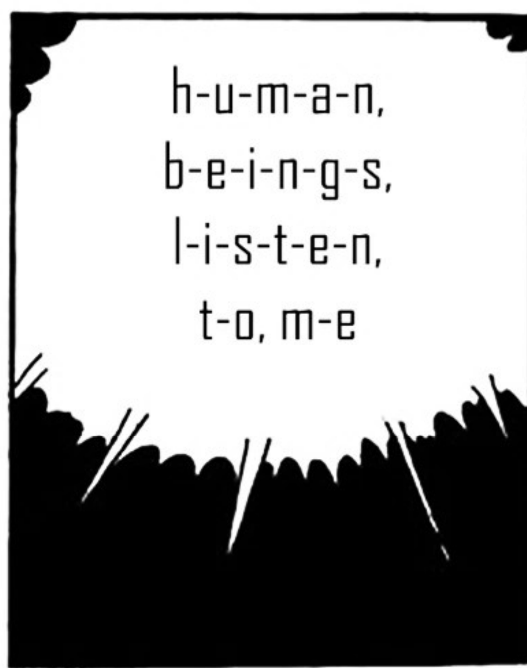

WHOSE VOICE IS THAT? IT'S NOT HUMAN




THERE'S AN ELECTRONIC BRAIN THAT RUNS EVERYTHING AUTOMATICALLY
AND THAT'S THE VOICE OF THE VOCALIZATION UNIT


THAT'S THE VOICE OF THE ELECTRONIC BRAIN!


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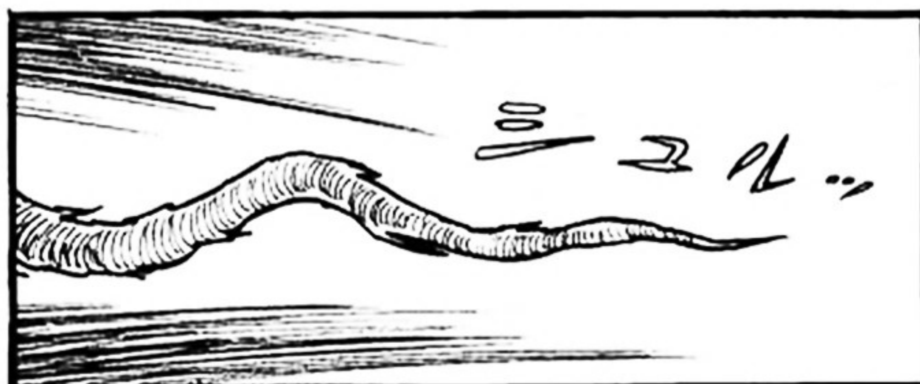

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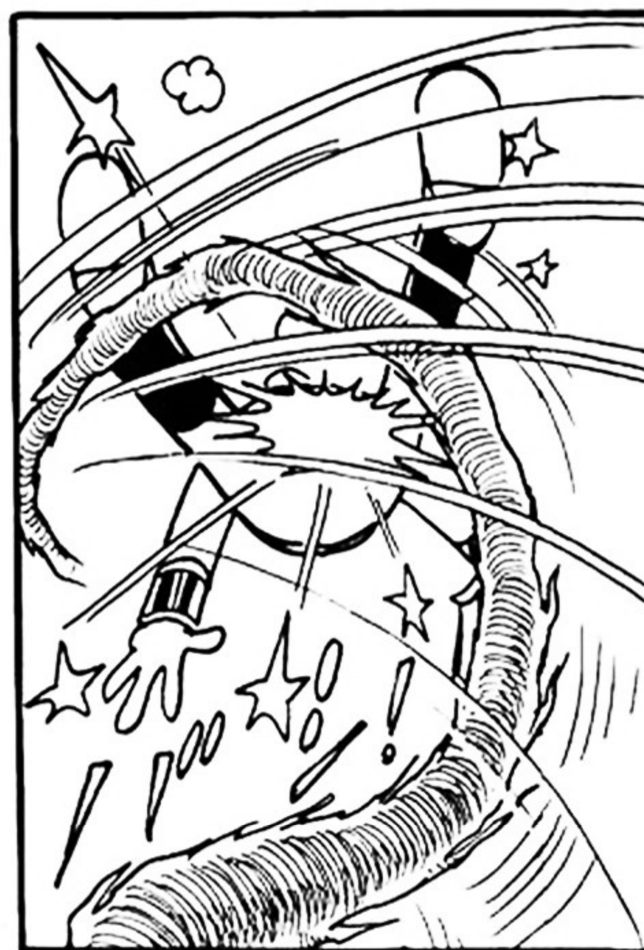

WHO COULD BE RUNNING IT?
I DON'T KNOW!


POTATOES?
THE POTATOES ARE TALKING TO US?
IT SEEMS THE POTATOES ARE USING THE ELECTRONIC BRAIN TO DO THE TALKING FOR THEM

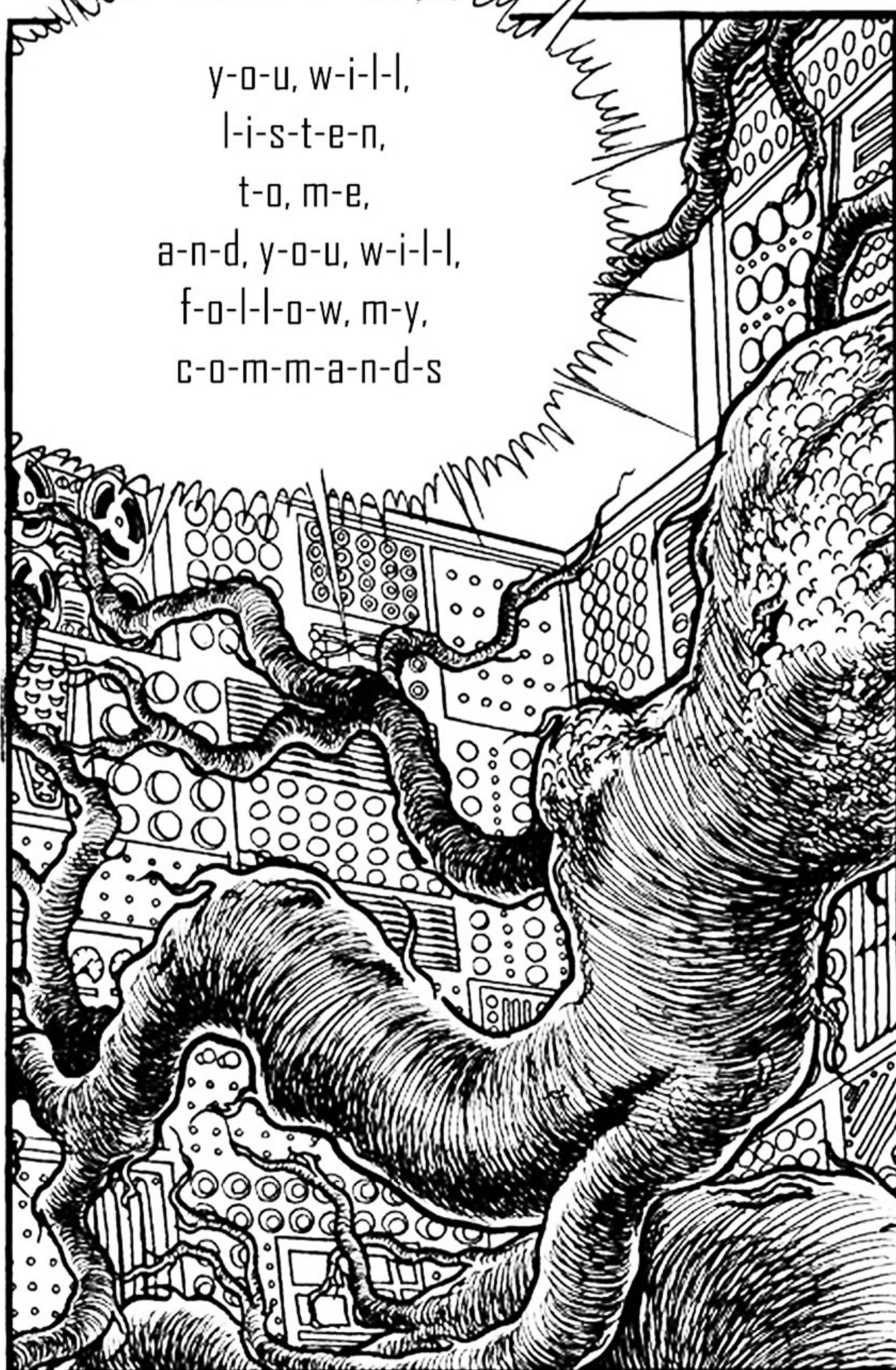

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y-o-u, c-a-n,
a-d-d-r-e-s-s,
m-e, a-s,
y-o-u-r, k-i-n-g


HUH? KING OF THE GALEA REPUBLIC? WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


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s-h-u-t, u-p
a-n-d,
l-i-s-t-e-n


y-o-u, w-i-l-l,
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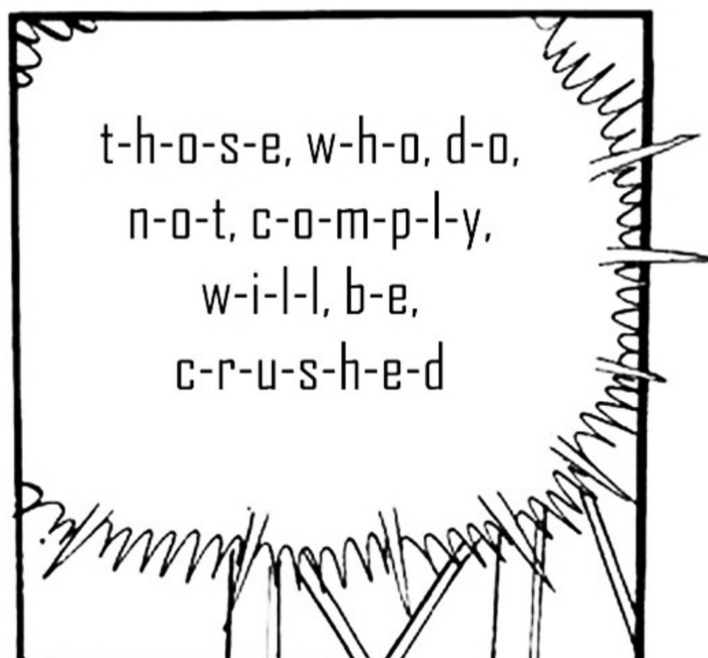
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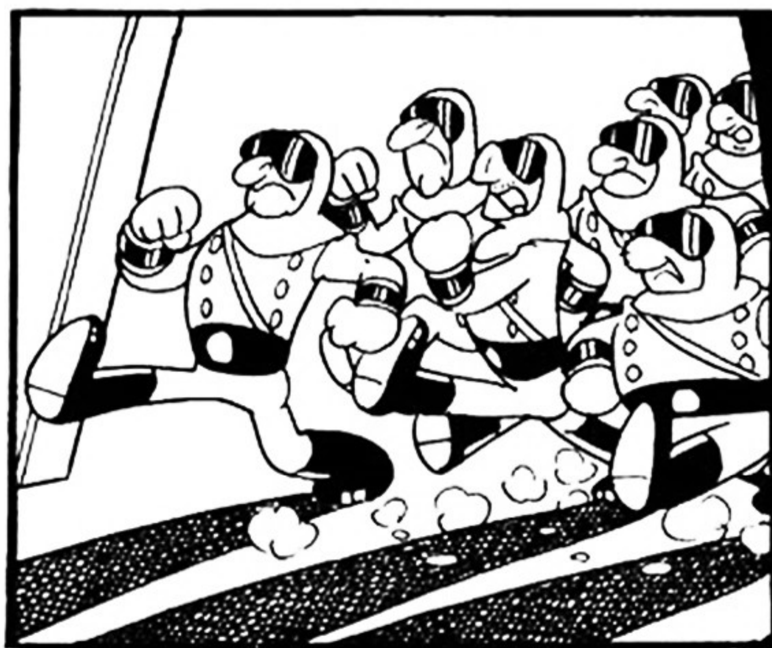
KING GALEA

i, a-m, y-o-u-r, k-i-n-g, n-o-w, y-o-u,
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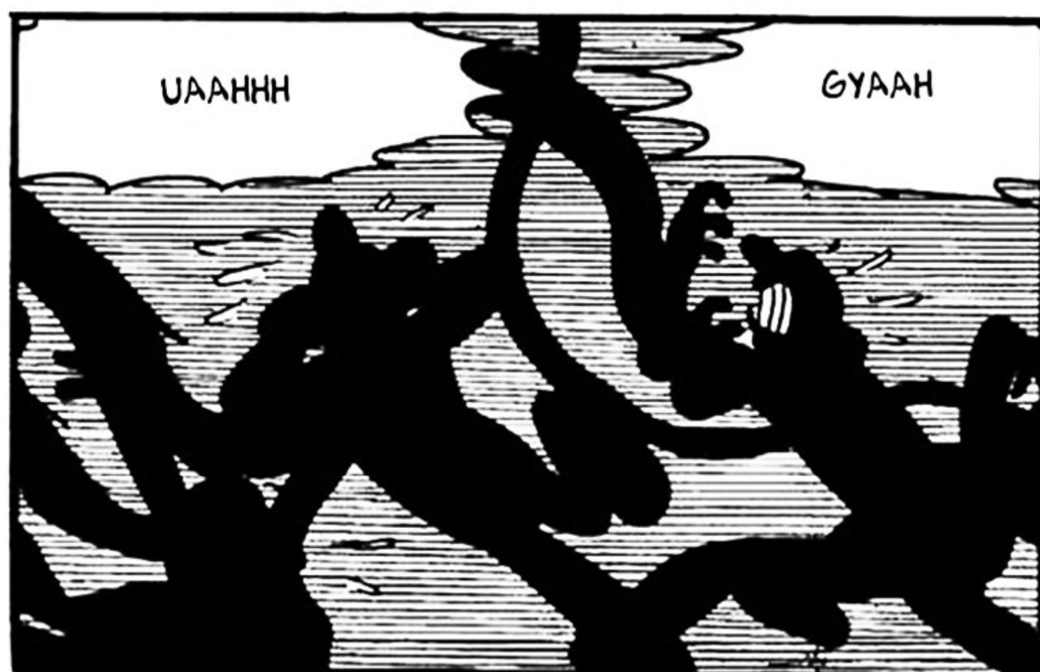
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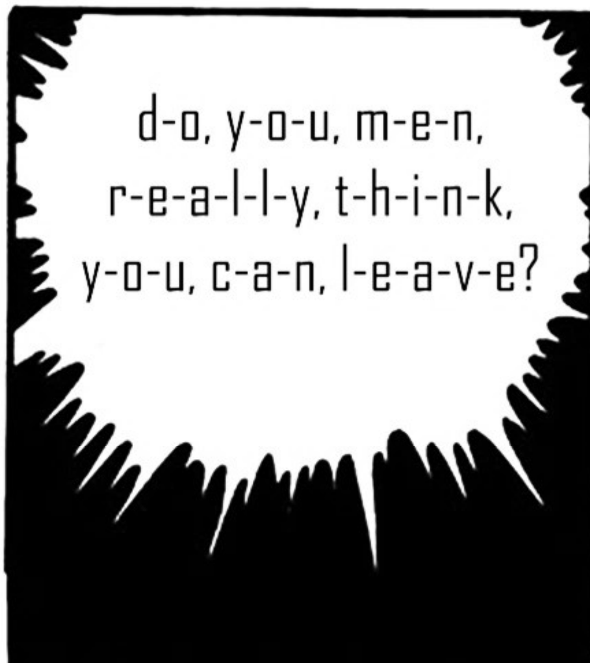


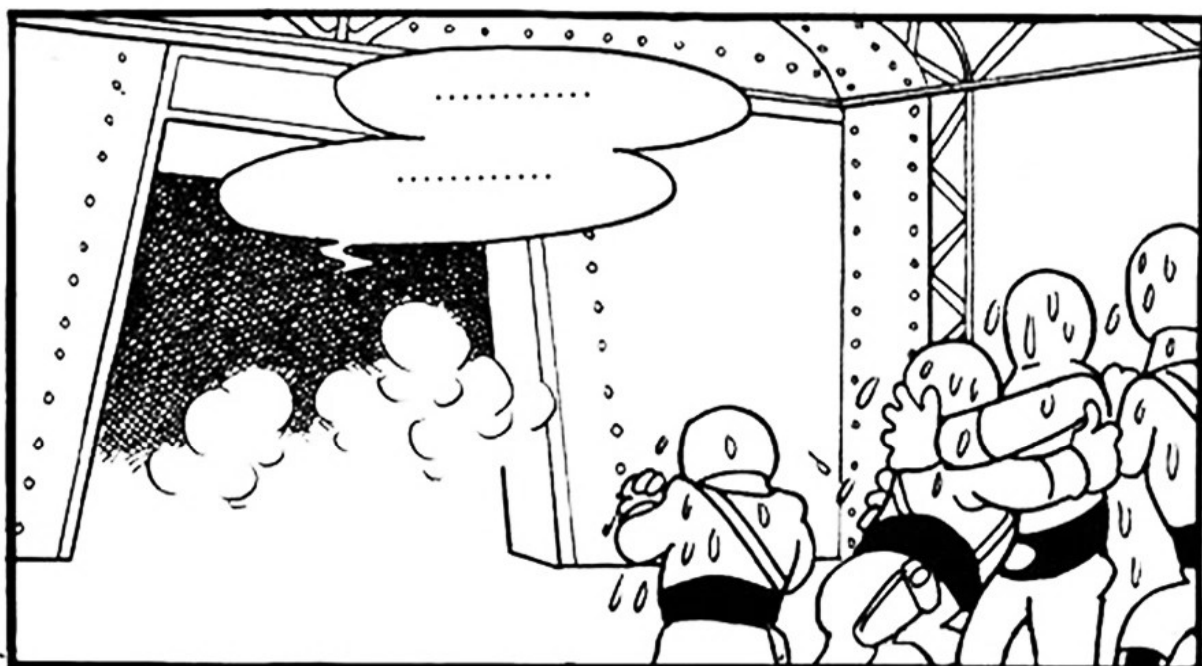


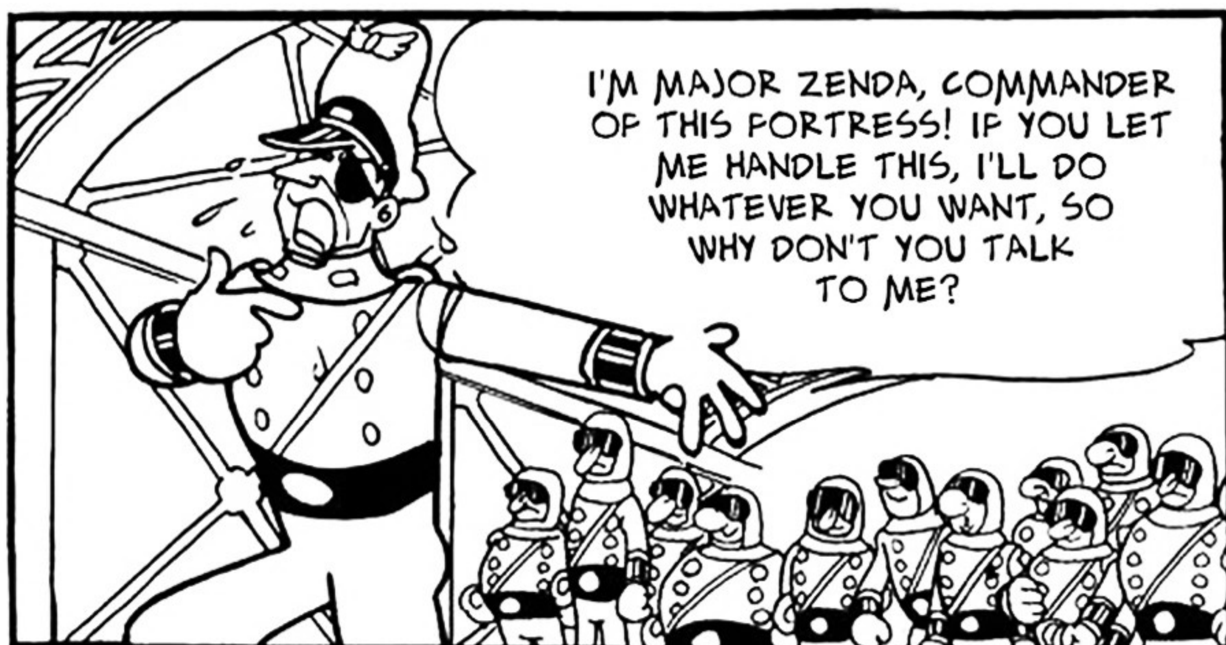

HEY GUYS! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
YEAH! WE ALL HAVE OUR PRIDE!


UAAHHH
GYAAH



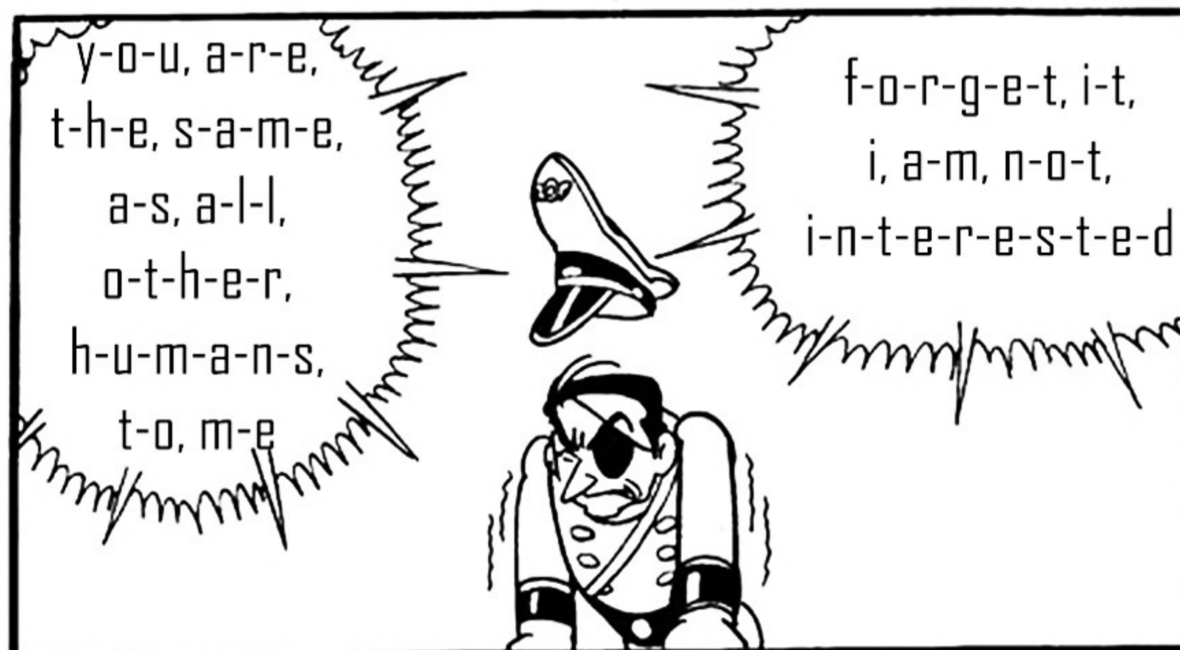

d-o, y-o-u, m-e-n, r-e-a-l-l-y, t-h-i-n-k, y-o-u, c-a-n, l-e-a-v-e?


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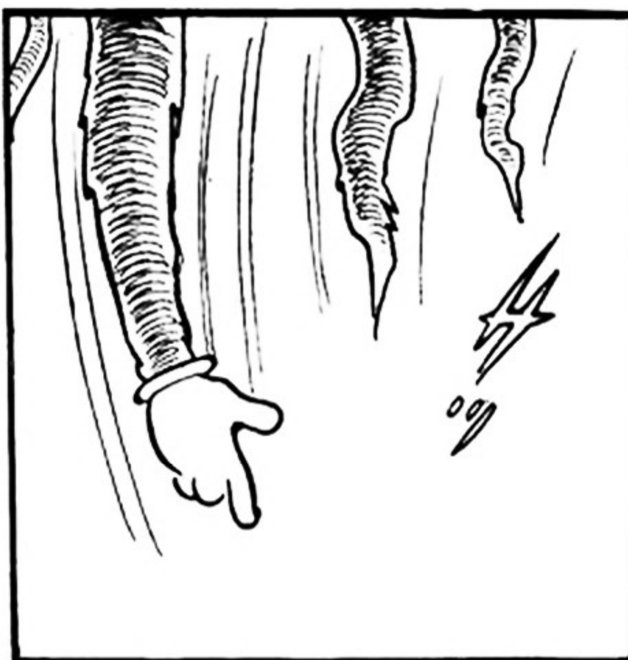

I'M MAJOR ZENDA, COMMANDER OF THIS FORTRESS! IF YOU LET ME HANDLE THIS, I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT, SO WHY DON'T YOU TALK TO ME?


WAIT!!

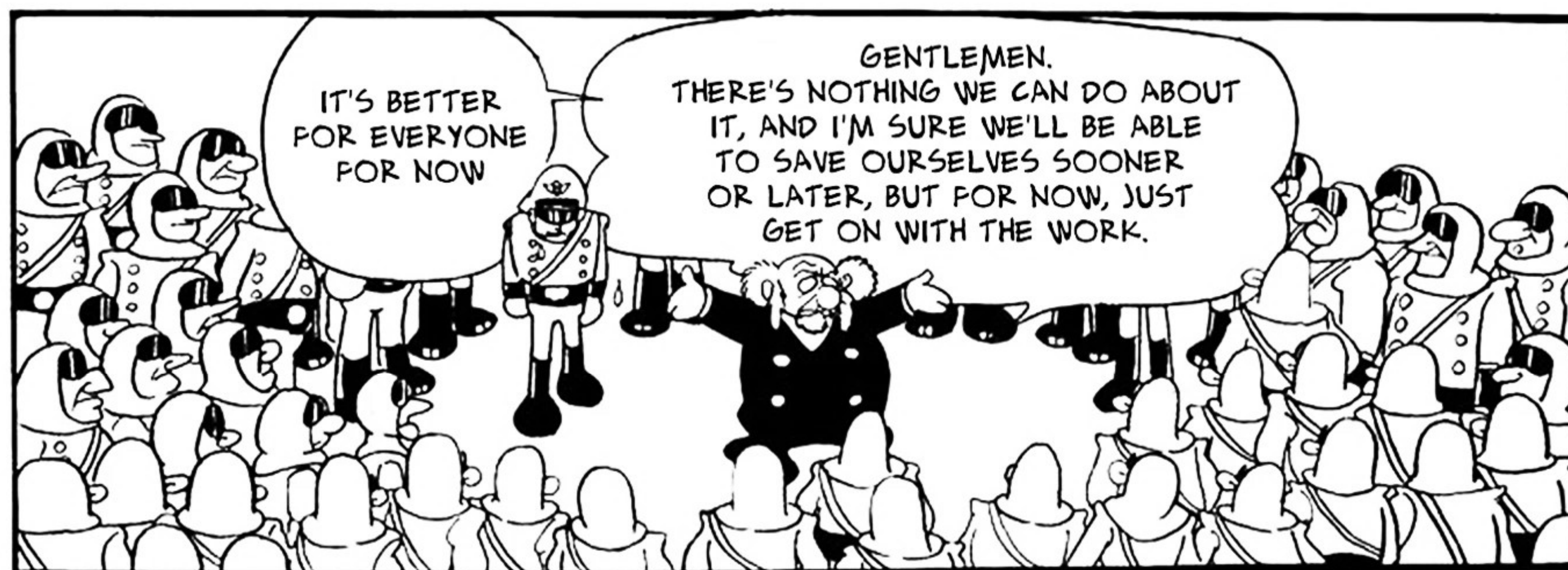

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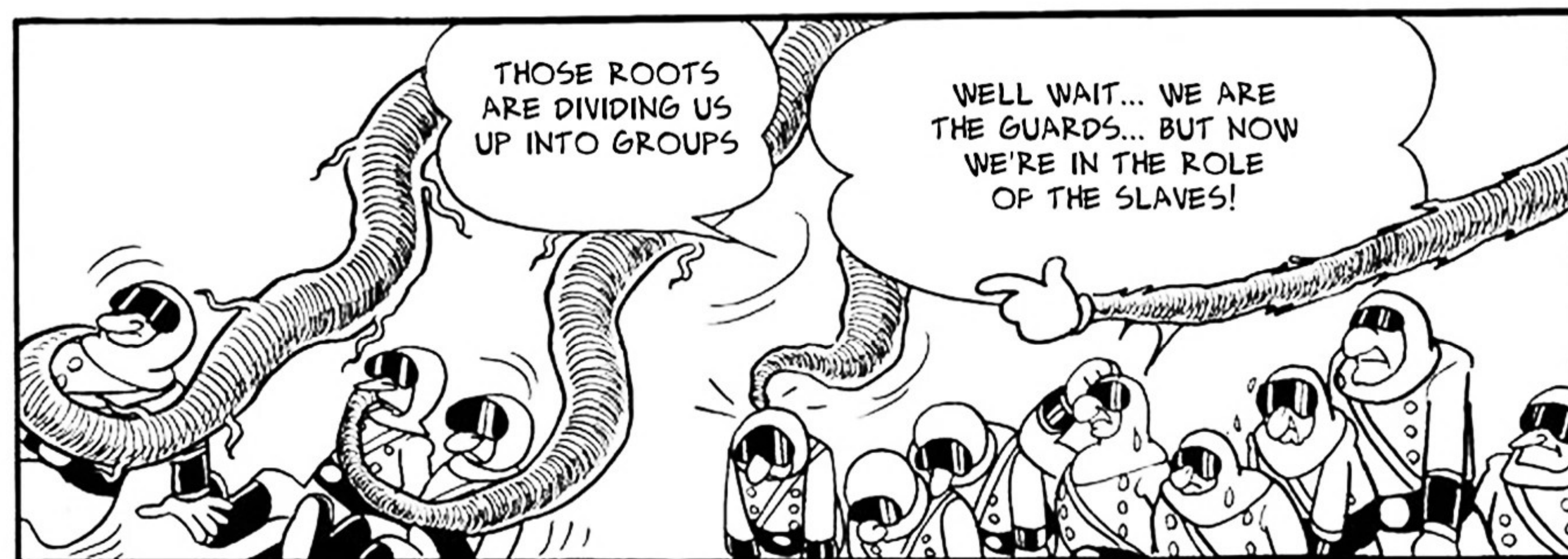

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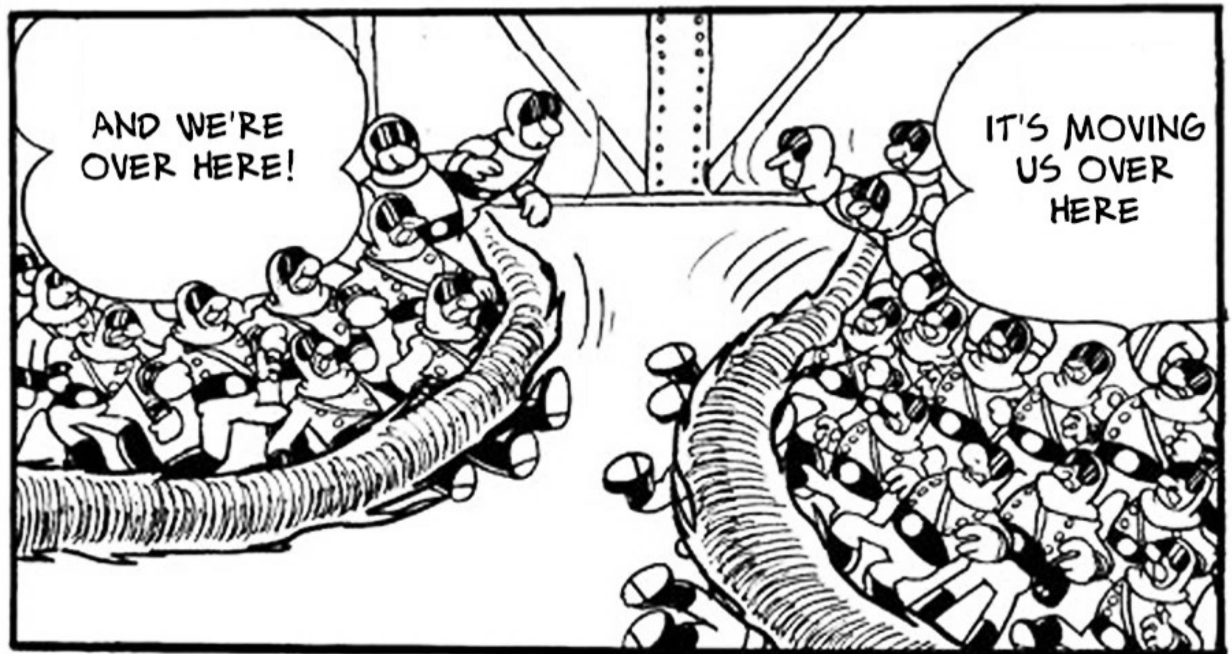


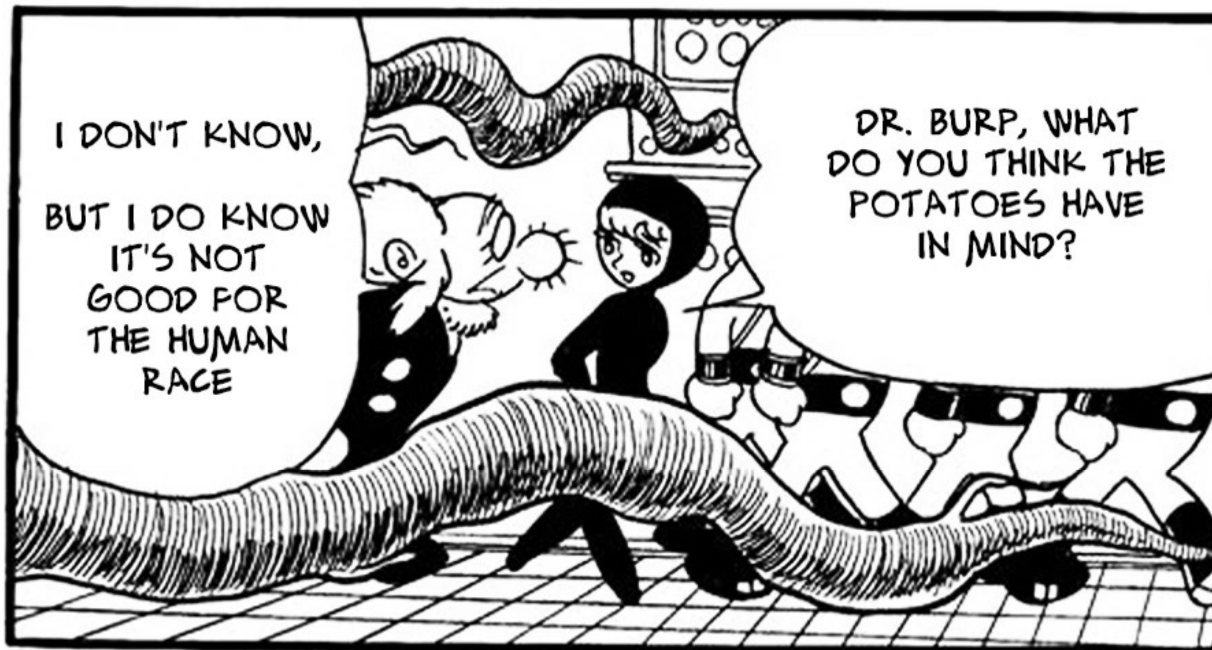

t-i-m-e, t-o, g-e-t, t-o, w-o-r-k


GENTLEMEN. THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT, AND I'M SURE WE'LL BE ABLE TO SAVE OURSELVES SOONER OR LATER, BUT FOR NOW, JUST GET ON WITH THE WORK.
IT'S BETTER FOR EVERYONE FOR NOW


WELL WAIT... WE ARE THE GUARDS... BUT NOW WE'RE IN THE ROLE OF THE SLAVES!
THOSE ROOTS ARE DIVIDING US UP INTO GROUPS

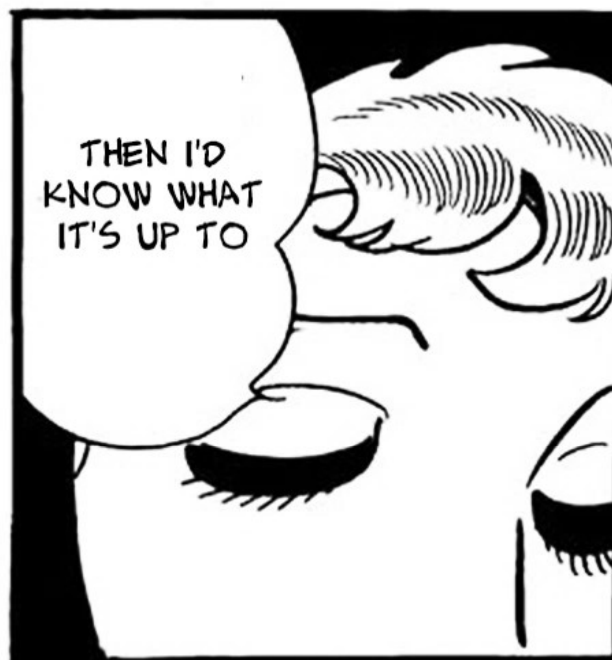



AND WE'RE OVER HERE!
IT'S MOVING US OVER HERE

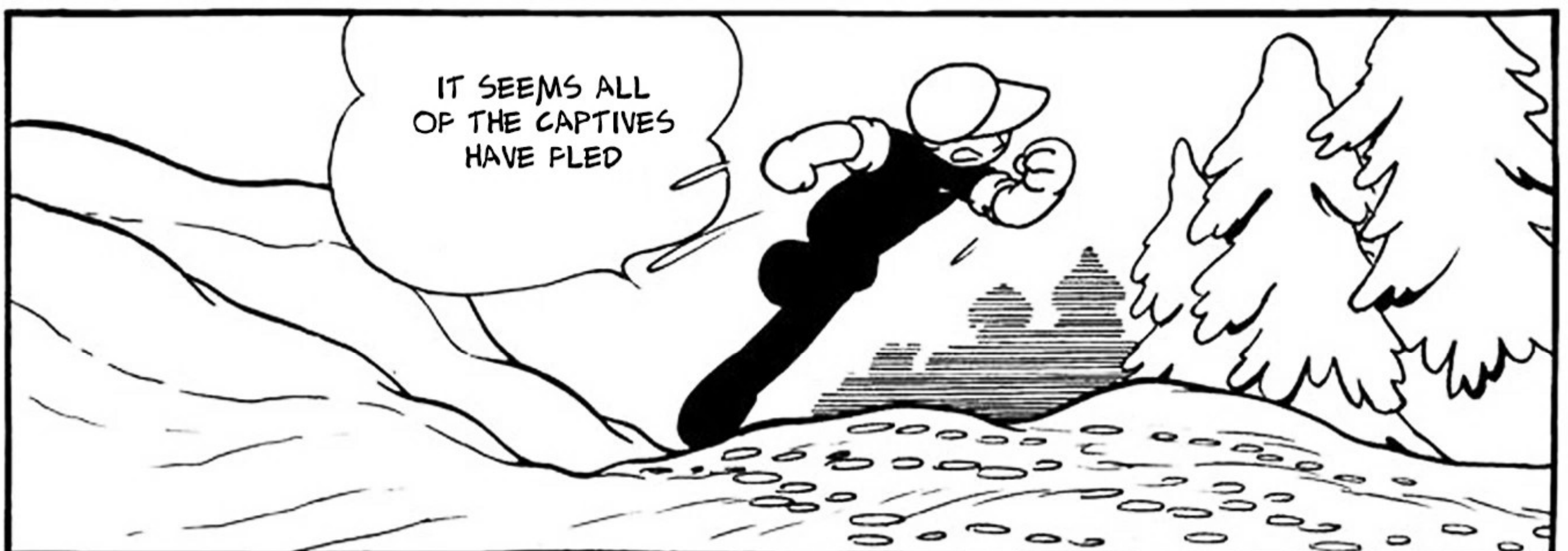

DR. BURP, WHAT DO YOU THINK THE POTATOES HAVE IN MIND?
I DON'T KNOW,
BUT I DO KNOW IT'S NOT GOOD FOR THE HUMAN RACE


IT WANTS US TO WALK

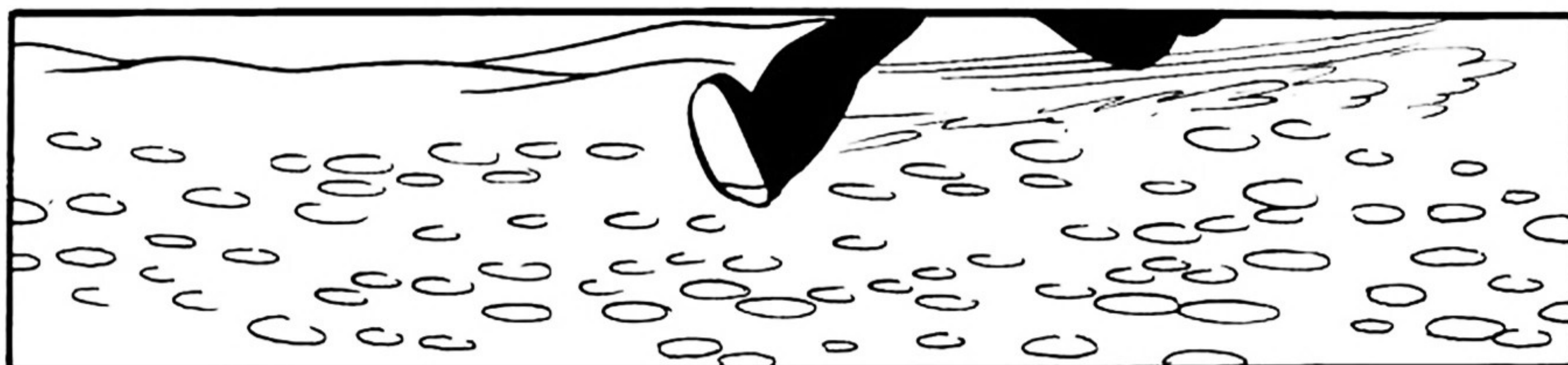



THEN I'D KNOW WHAT IT'S UP TO


IF I COULD TELEPATHICALY CONNECT TO A PLANT...

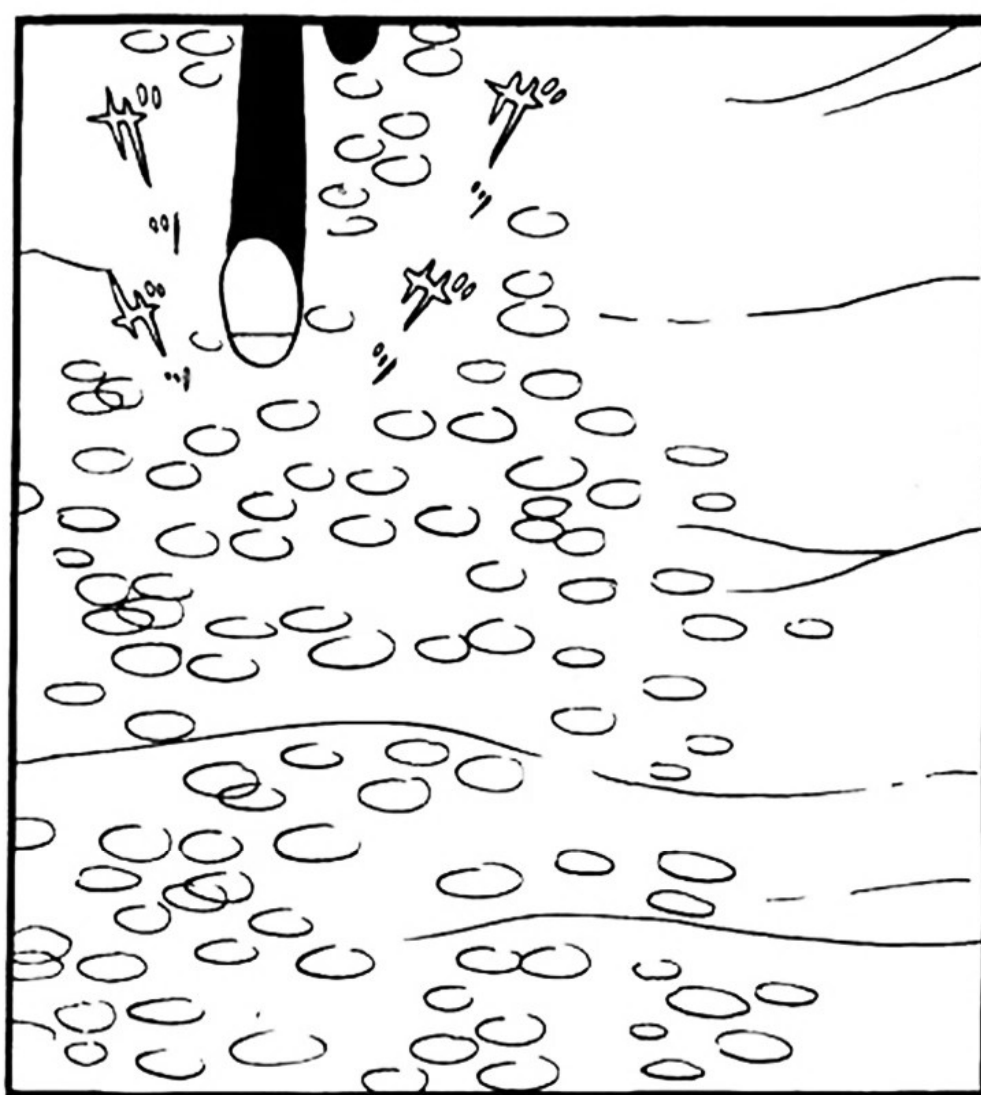

IT SEEMS ALL OF THE CAPTIVES HAVE FLED


LOOK AT ALL OF THOSE FOOTPRINTS






OH!

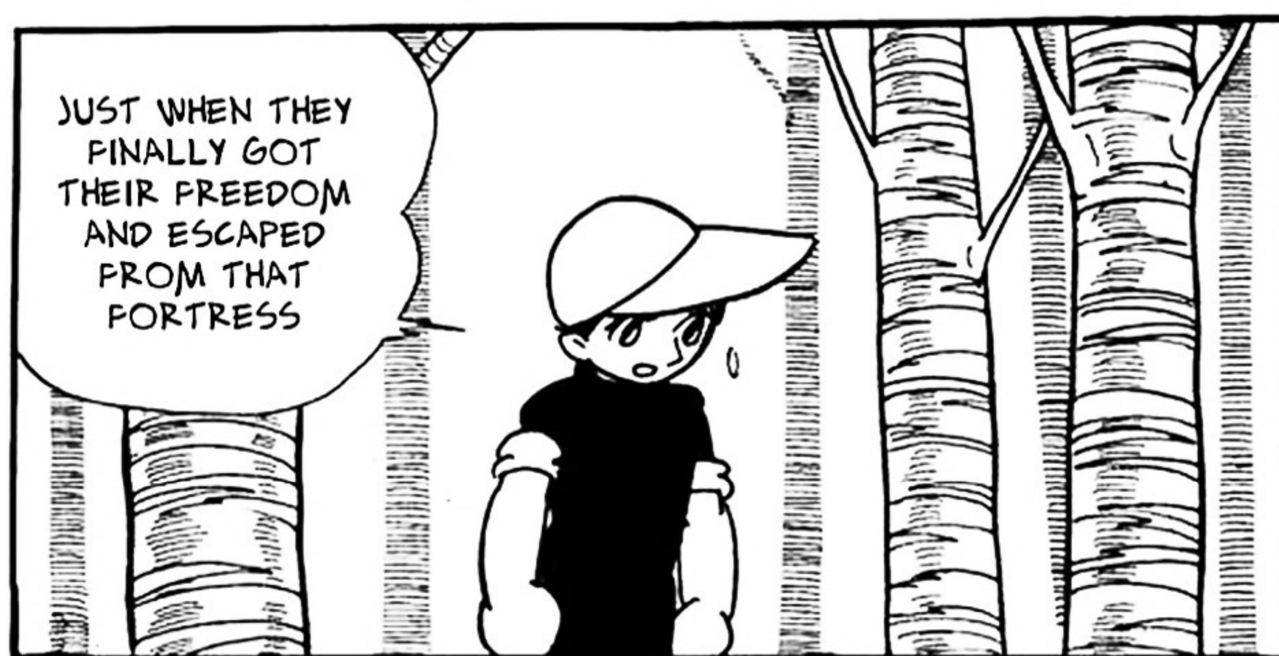


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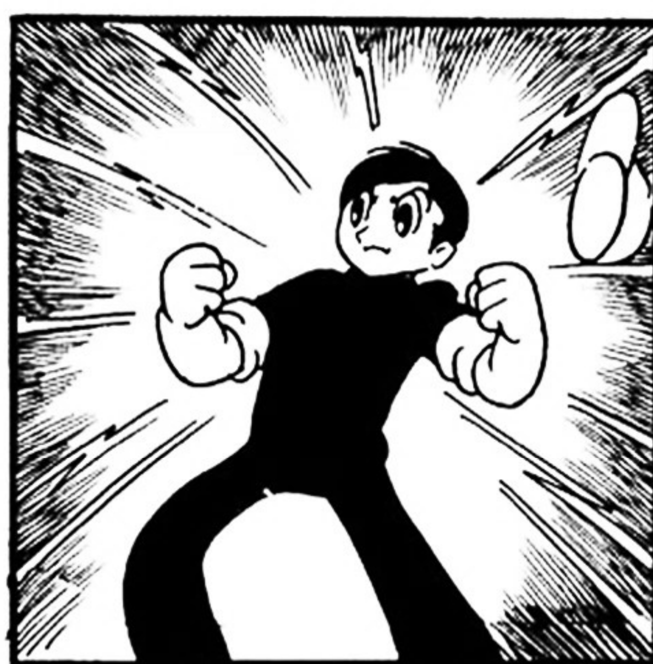
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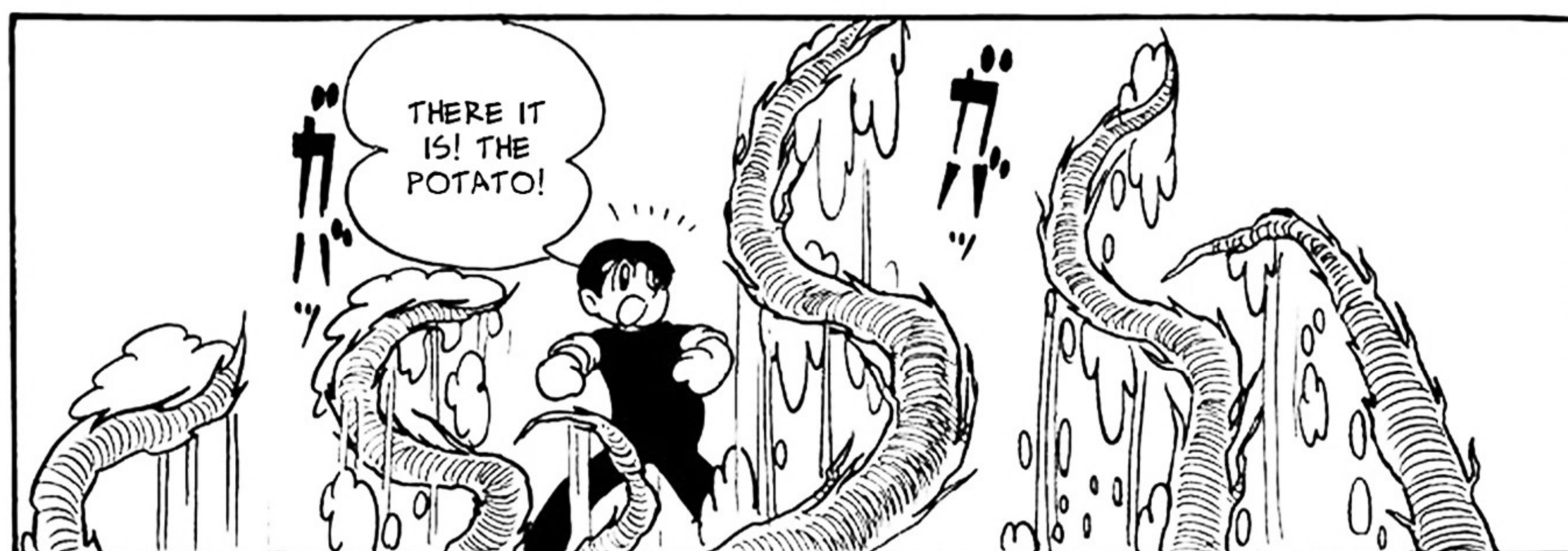

THIS IS FOR YOU


JUST WHEN THEY FINALLY GOT THEIR FREEDOM AND ESCAPED FROM THAT FORTRESS






COME ON BIG X. I'M TAKING TWO DOSES ON THE SCALE

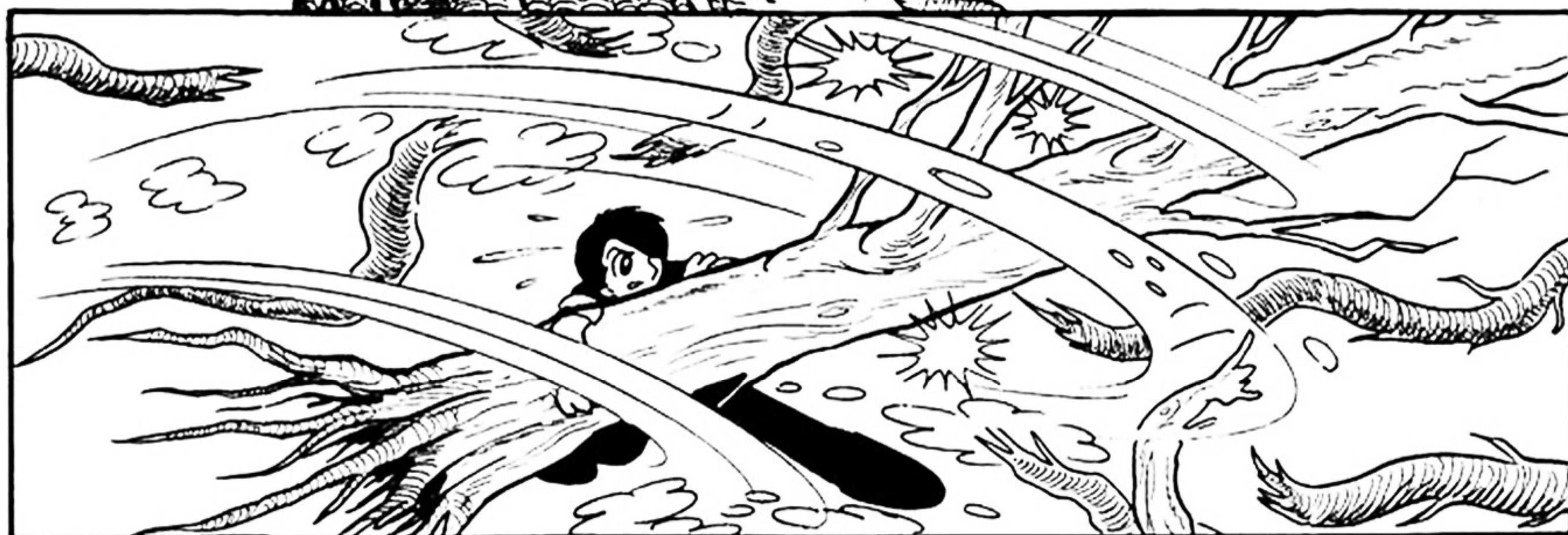

THERE IT IS! THE POTATO!


I WON'T BE AS EASY TO DEAL WITH AS THOSE OTHERS!

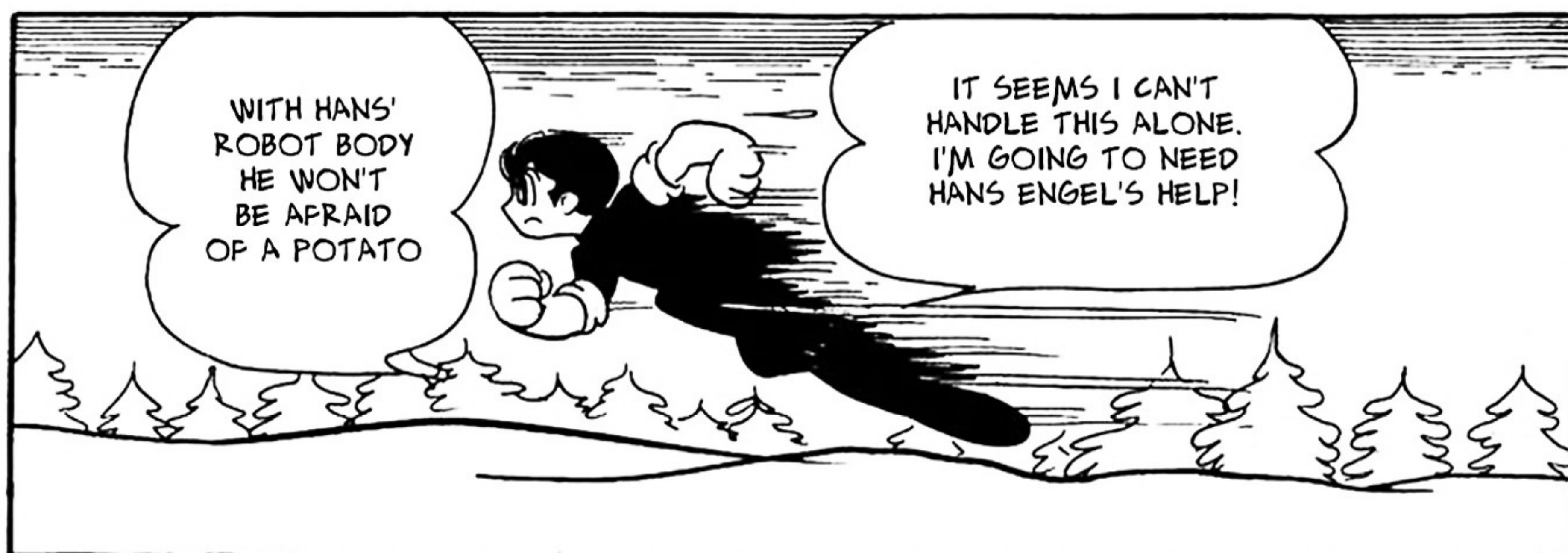

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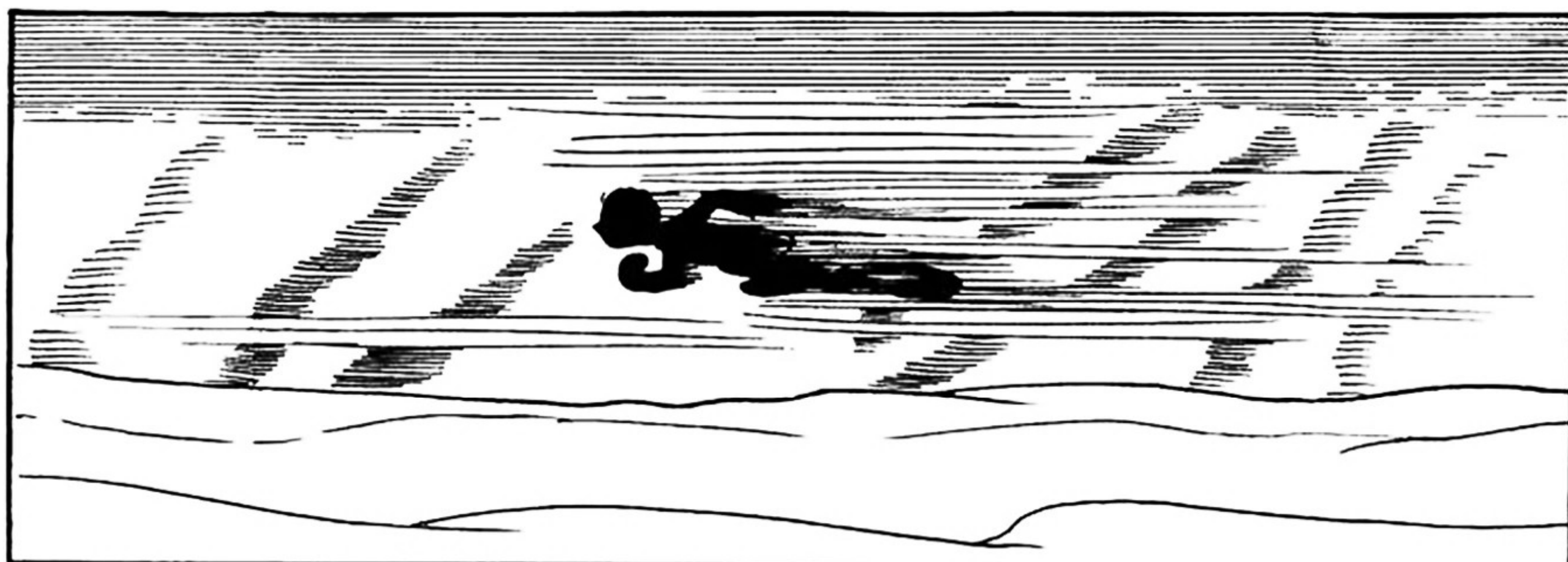







THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DO THIS ......


IT SEEMS I CAN'T HANDLE THIS ALONE. I'M GOING TO NEED HANS ENGEL'S HELP!
WITH HANS' ROBOT BODY HE WON'T BE AFRAID OF A POTATO




THERE'S A PHONE!


LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE HAS EVACUATED

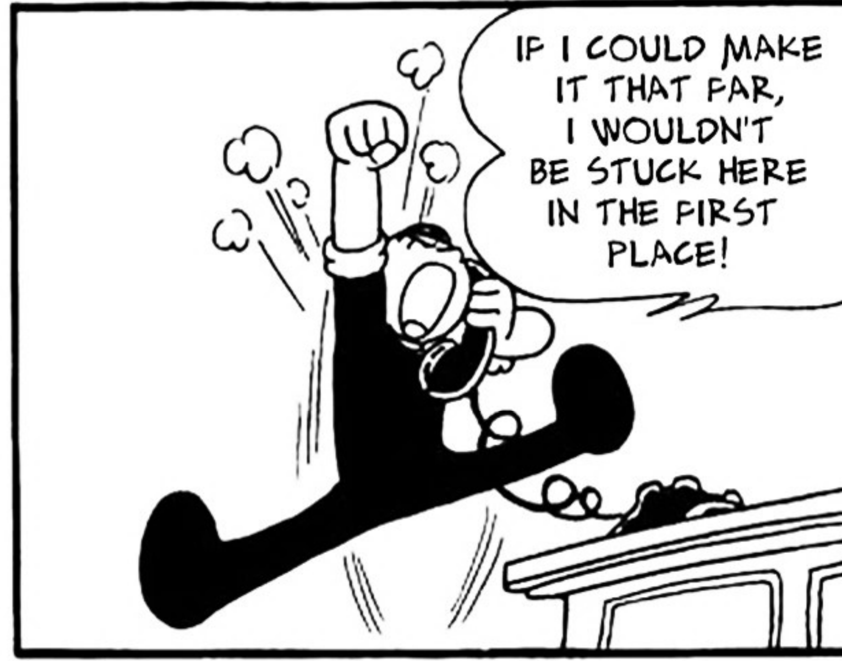

INTERNATIONAL PHONE CALLS ARE NOW OUT OF SERVICE, AS THE GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED US NOT TO COMMUNICATE WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

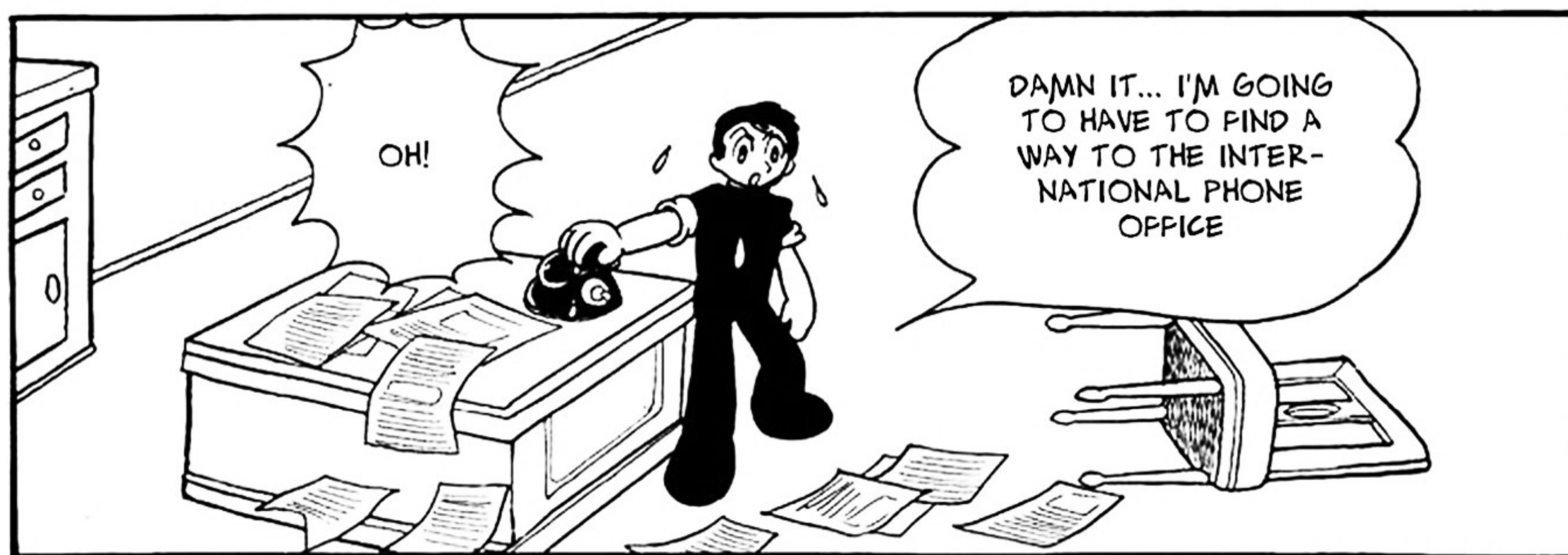

HELLO! HELLO! I NEED TO MAKE AN INTERNATIONAL CALL!


THERE CAN BE AN EXCEPTION IF YOU'RE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS POLICE, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO COME TO THE INTERNATIONAL DIALING STATION AND MAKE THE CALL.

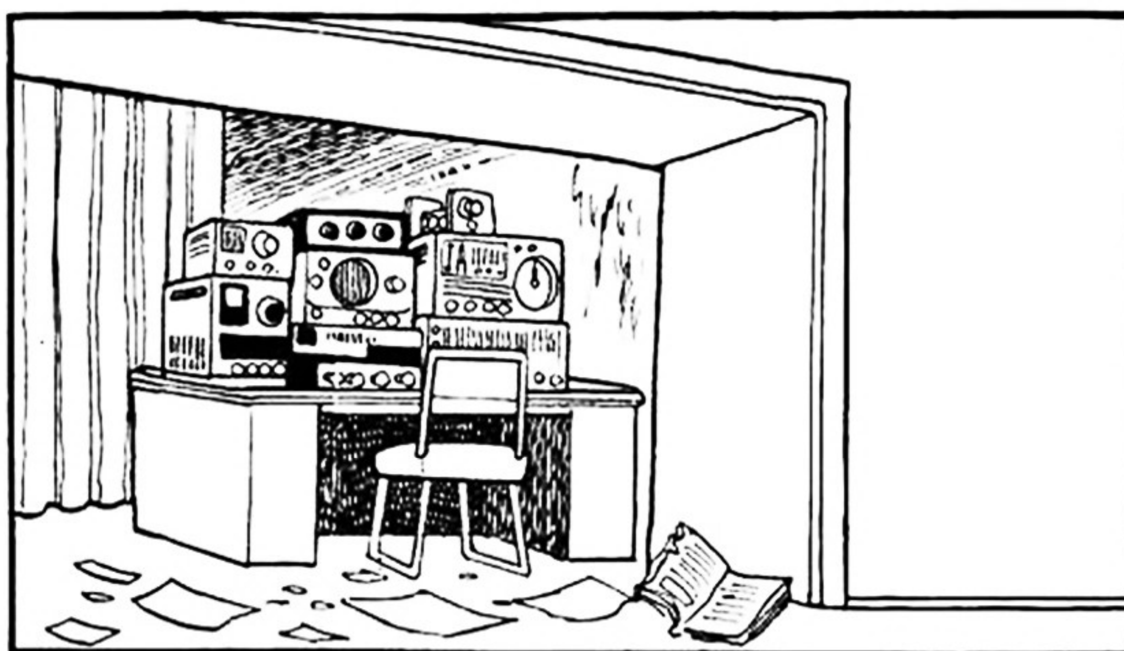

WHAT? BUT I NEED TO CONTACT JAPAN, BUT I CAN'T BECAUSE I'M STUCK HERE!
THIS IS AKIRA ASAGUMO OF THE UNITED NATIONS POLICE!


HELLO? HELLO?
THE LINE DROPPED


IF I COULD MAKE IT THAT FAR, I WOULDN'T BE STUCK HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!

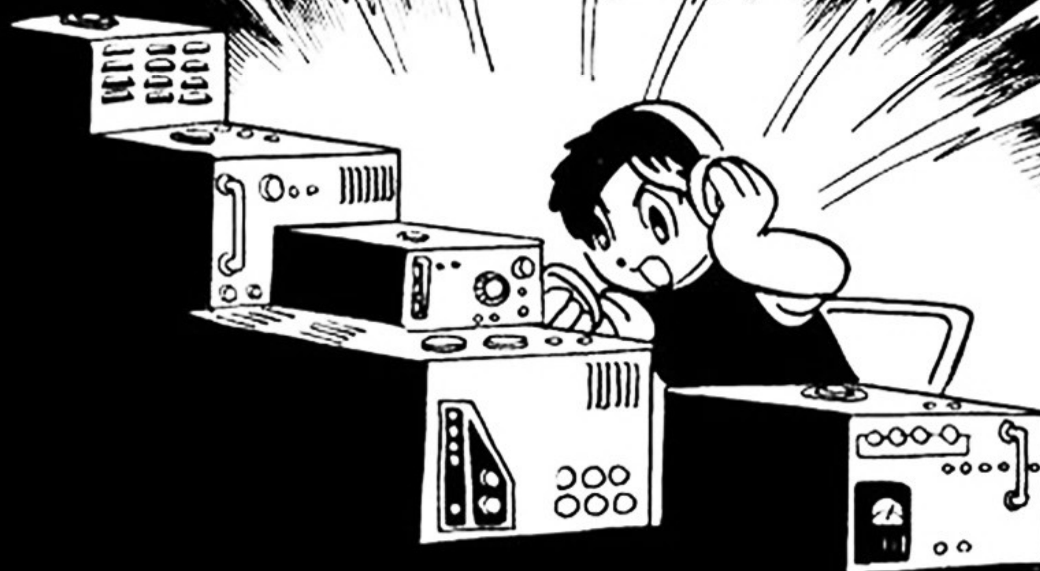


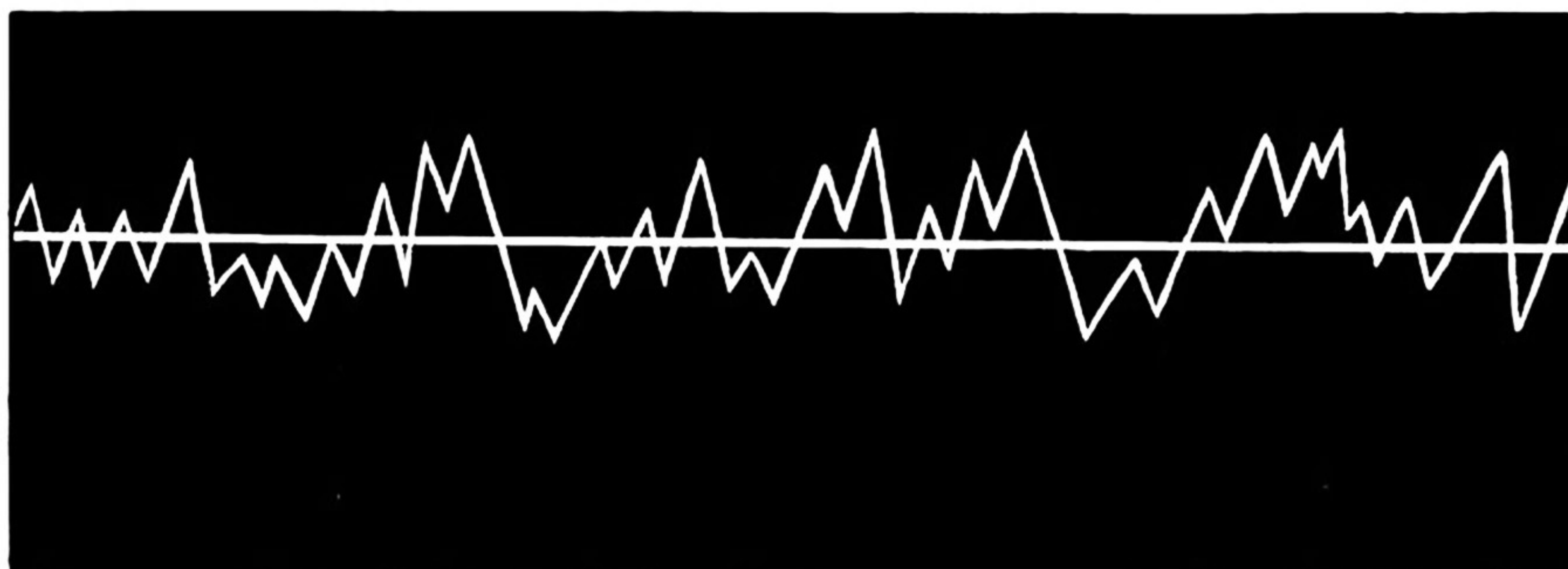




IT'S A RADIO!

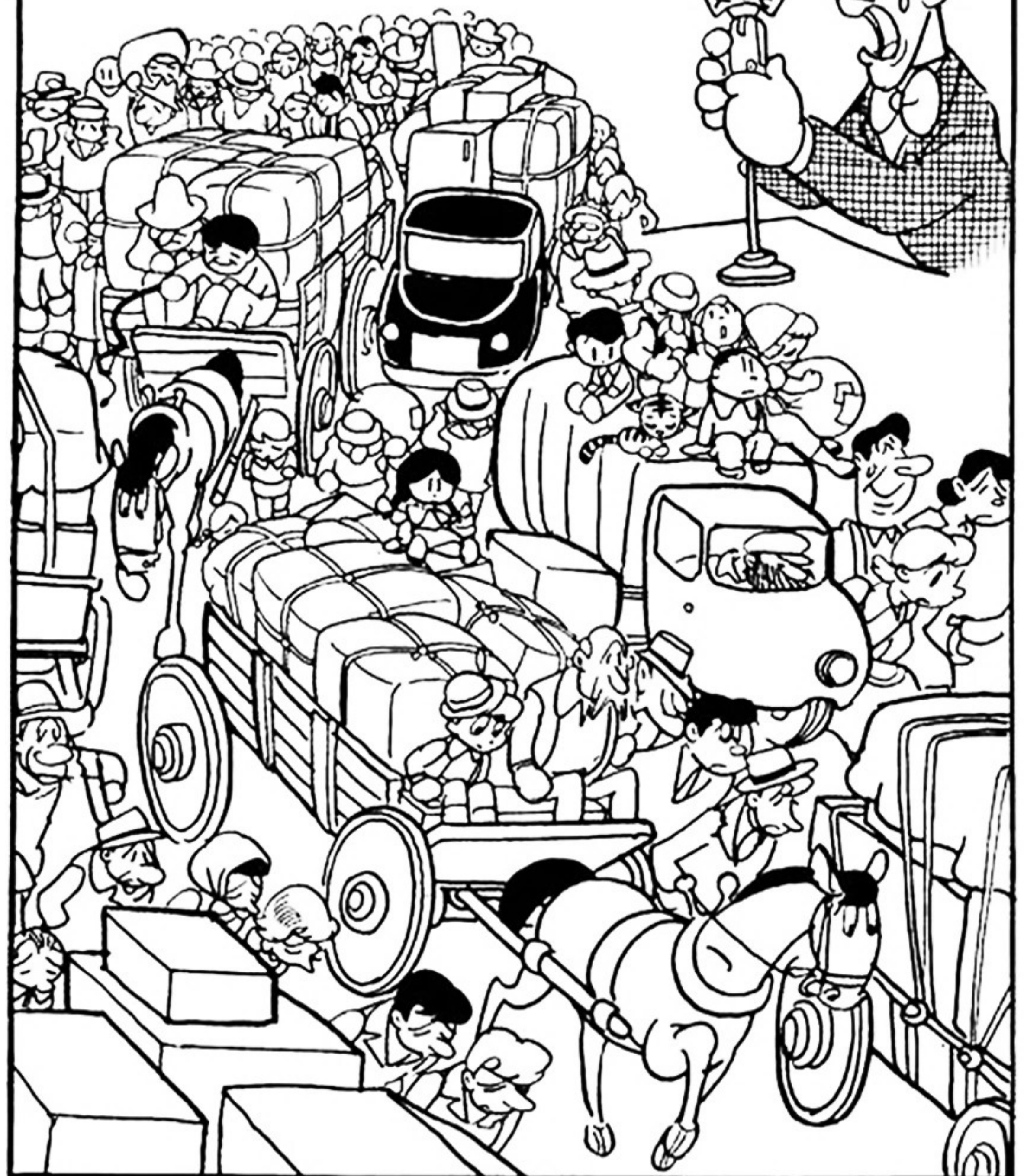
THE OWNER OF THIS HOUSE IS A HAM RADIO OPERATOR!


JAPANESE HAM, PLEASE
TELL DR. HANAMARU
TO SEND HANS ENGEL TO
GALEA AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.!
SEND HIM TO GALEA!



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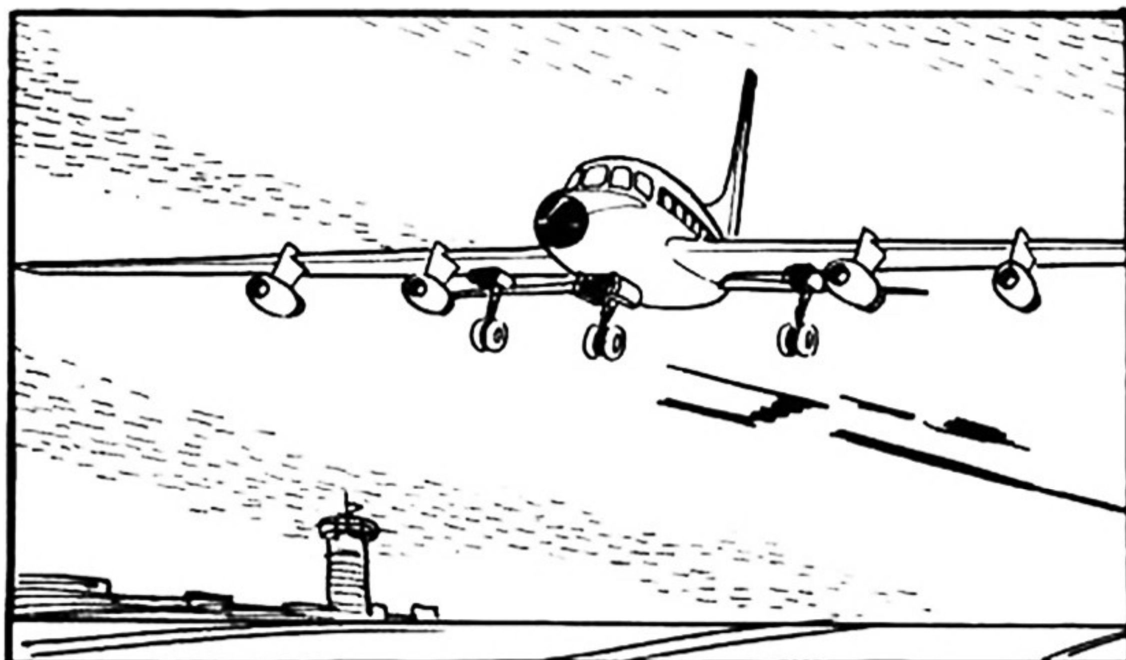

I HAVE SPECIAL NEWS FOR YOU! IN THE NORTHERN MOUNTAINS, A MONSTROUS PLANT HAS APPEARED AND ITS ROOTS ARE SPREADING! ALL RESIDENTS OF THE NORTHERN MOUNTAINS ARE URGED TO EVACUATE TO THE SOUTH!
XYZ

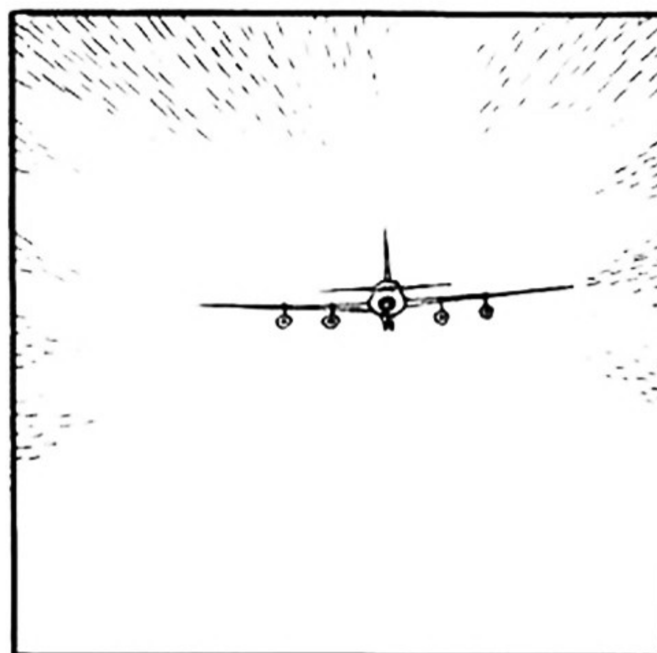

WHY DOESN'T GALEA ASK FOR HELP FROM OTHER COUNTRIES OR THE U.N.?

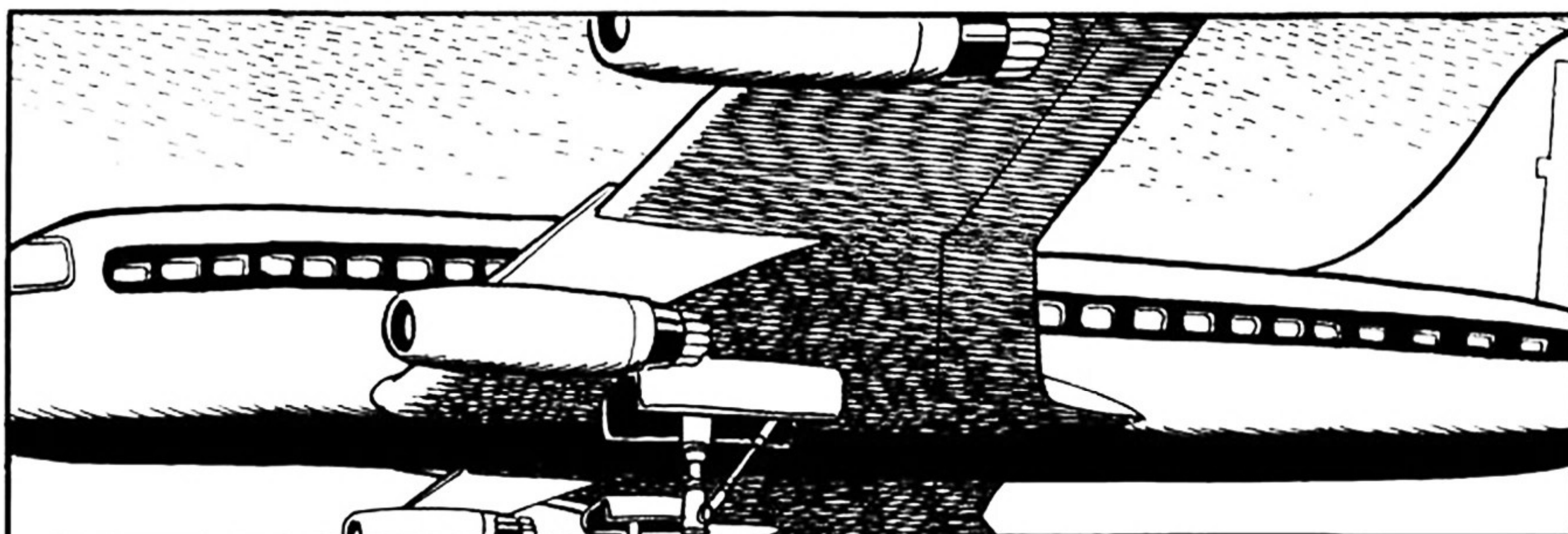

I'M SURE THEY DON'T WANT US TO KNOW ABOUT THAT SECRET UNDERGROUND FORTRESS.


THEY WANT TO KEEP THIS AS QUIET AS POSSIBLE


BUT IF THEY KEEP QUIET, THOSE POTATOES ARE GOING TO SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE

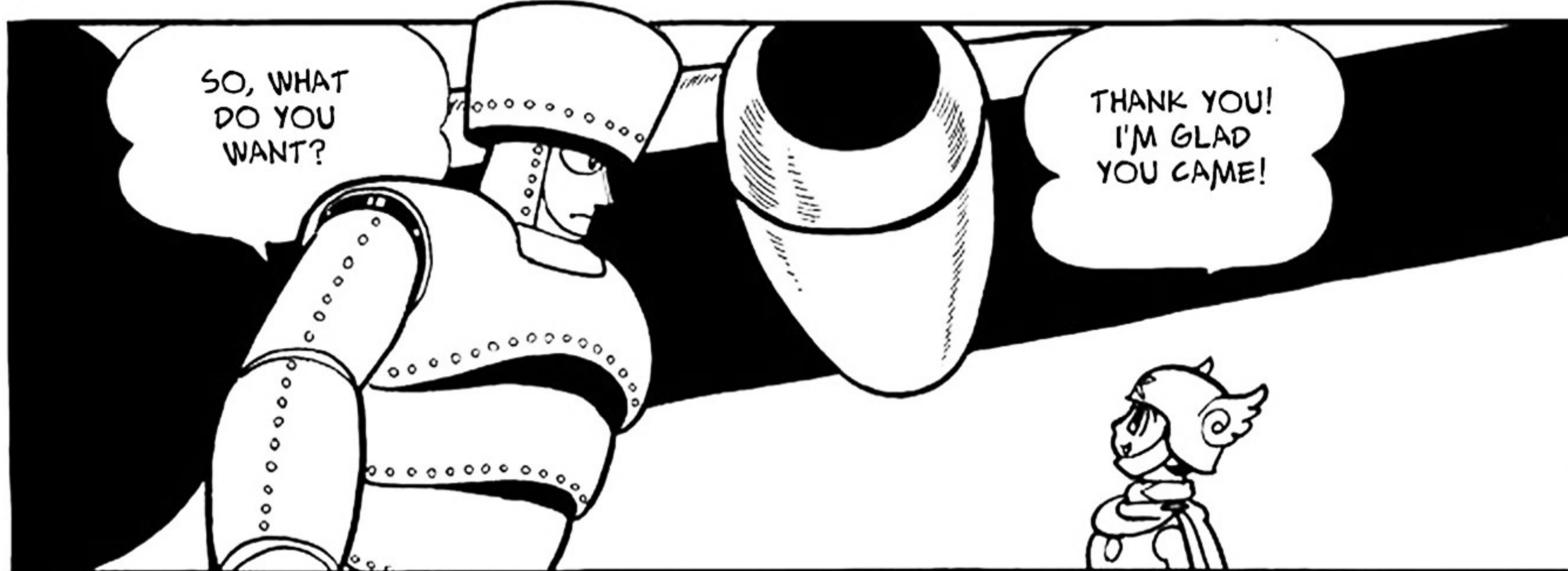


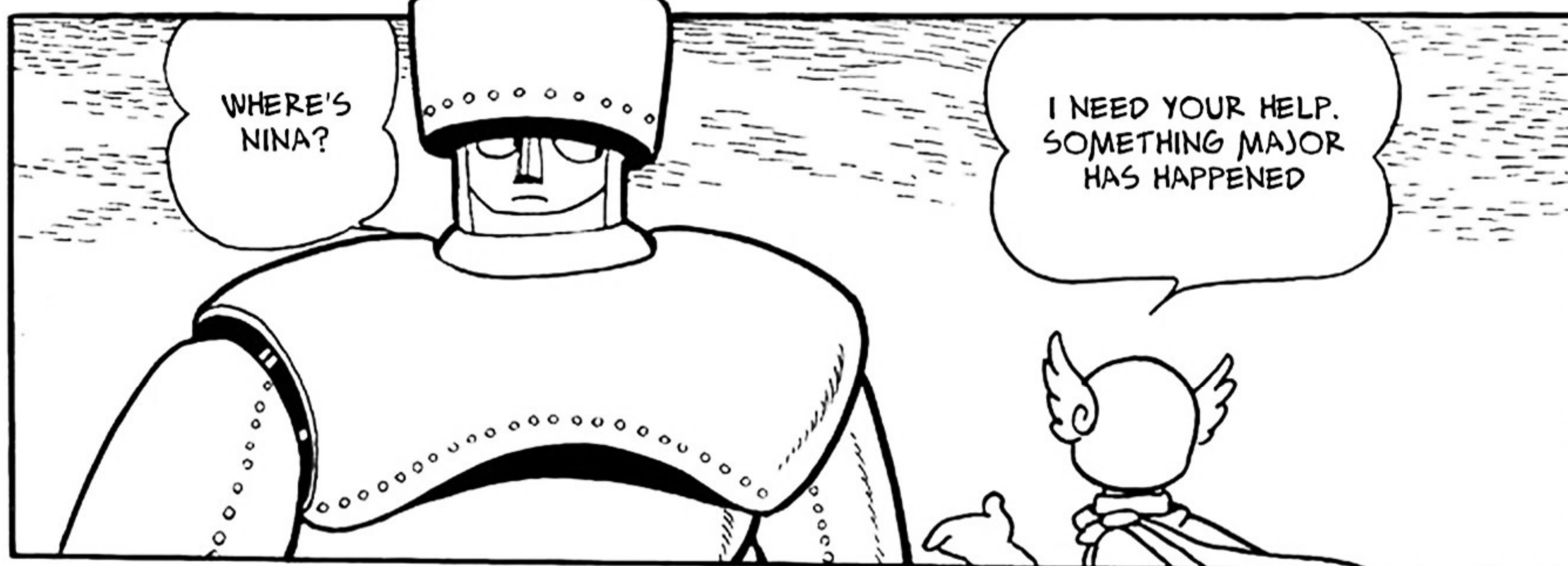


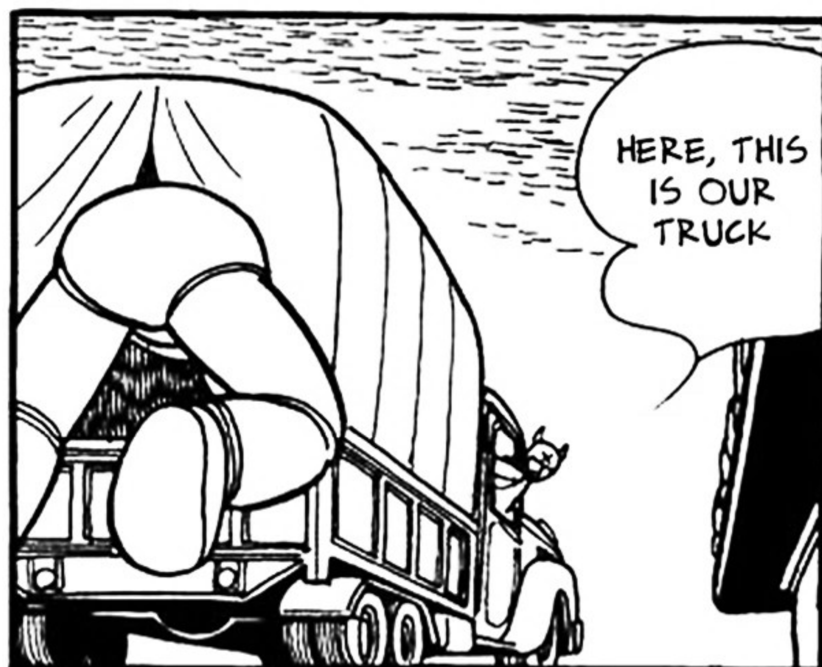


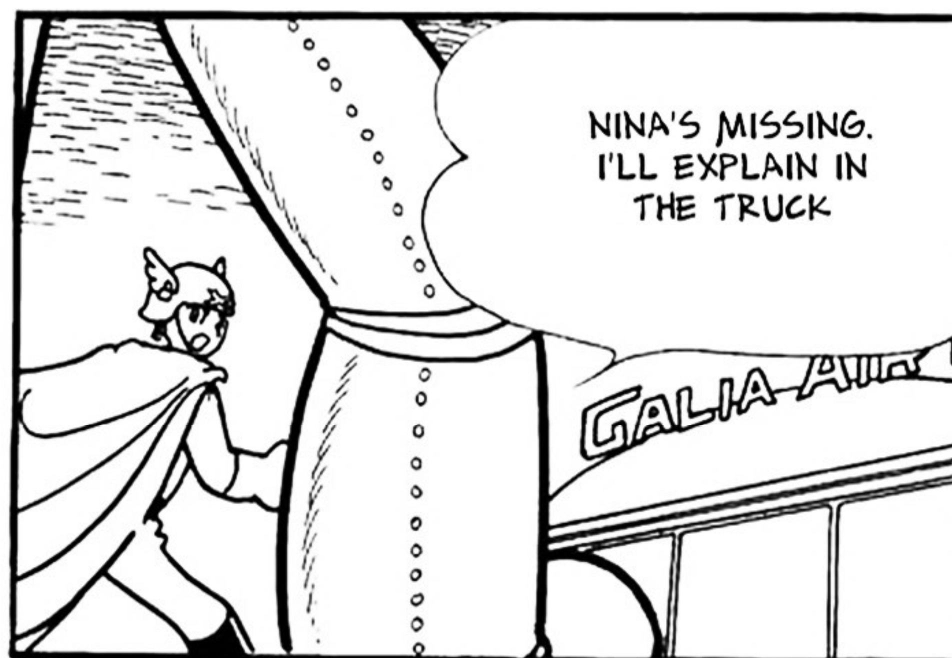
AKIRA .....

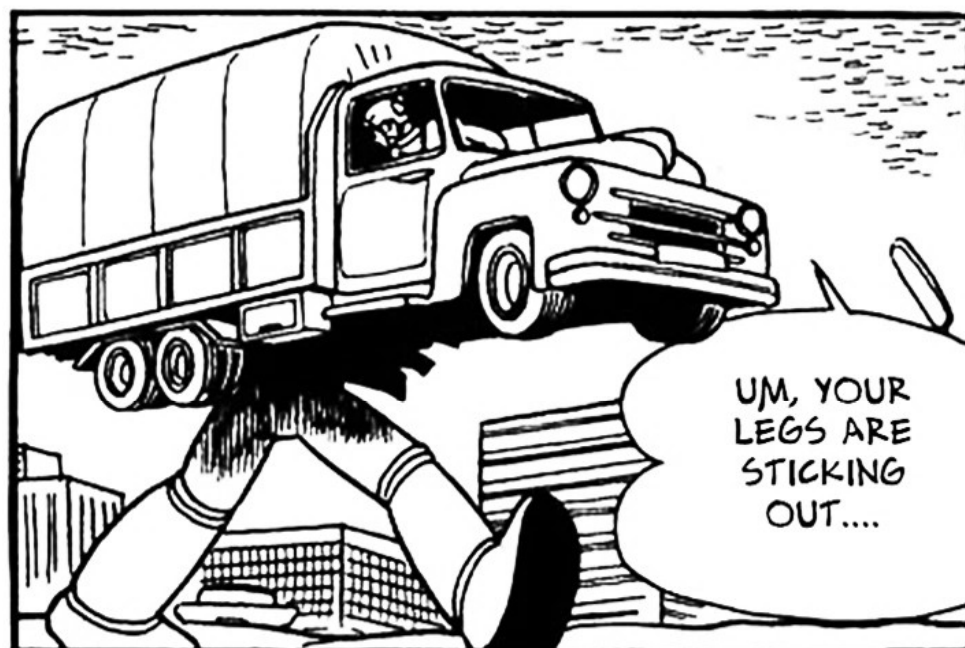
HEY! HANS!


SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THANK YOU! I'M GLAD YOU CAME!

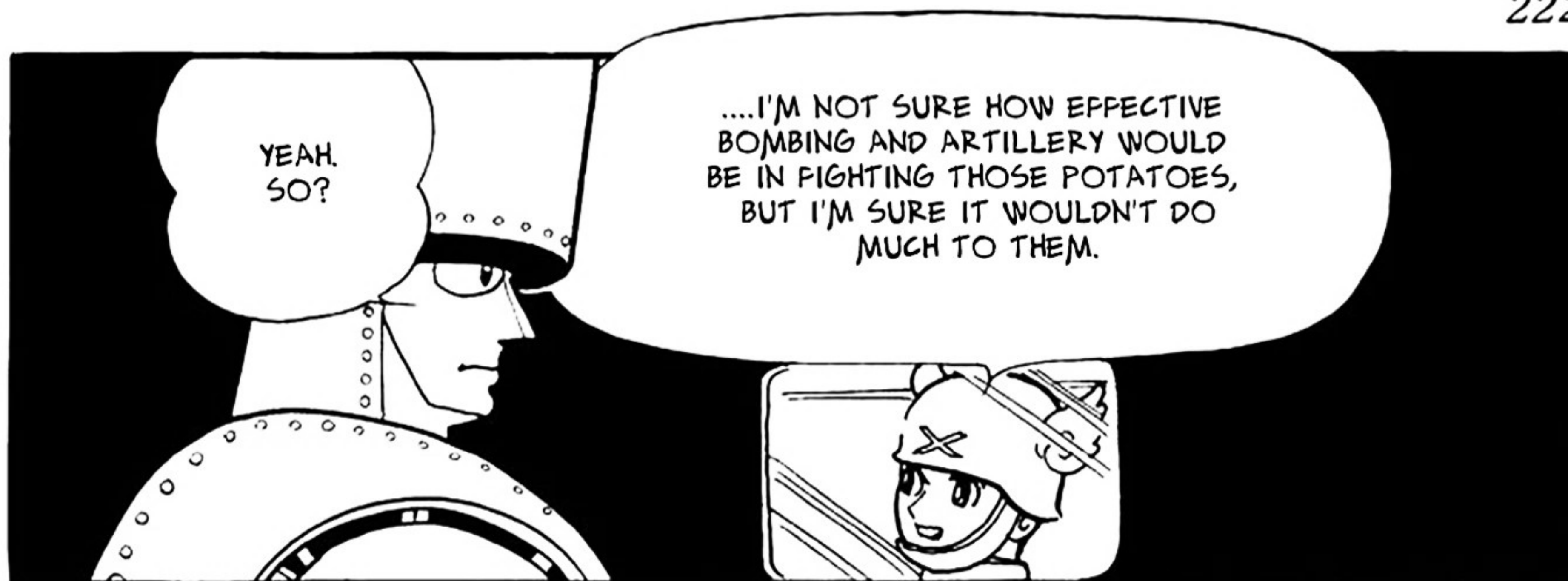

WHERE'S NINA?
I NEED YOUR HELP. SOMETHING MAJOR HAS HAPPENED

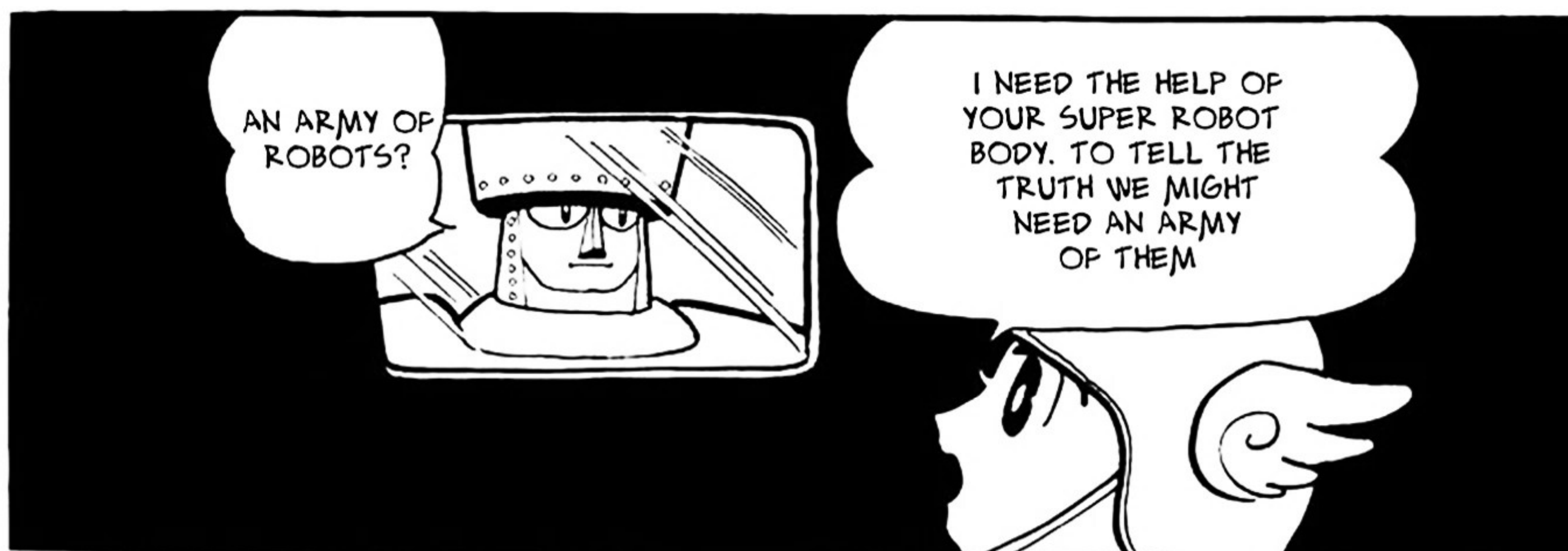

HERE, THIS IS OUR TRUCK


NINA'S MISSING. I'LL EXPLAIN IN THE TRUCK
GALIA AIR

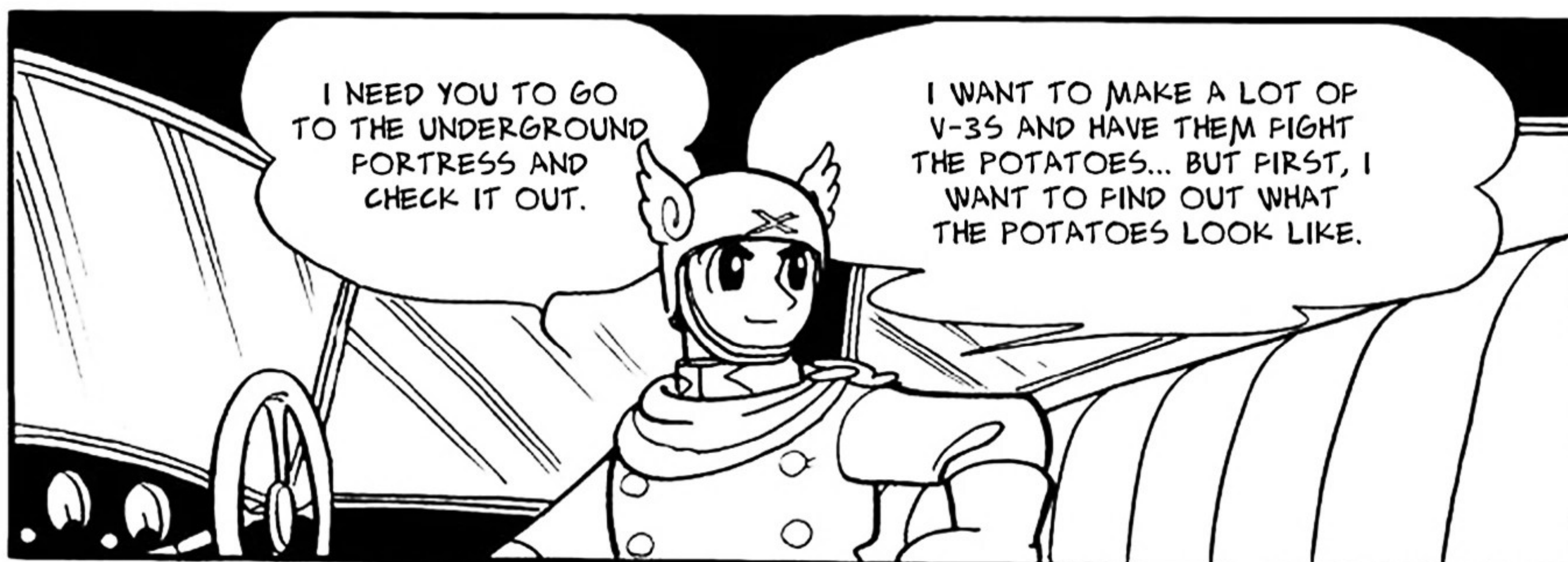

UM, YOUR LEGS ARE STICKING OUT....

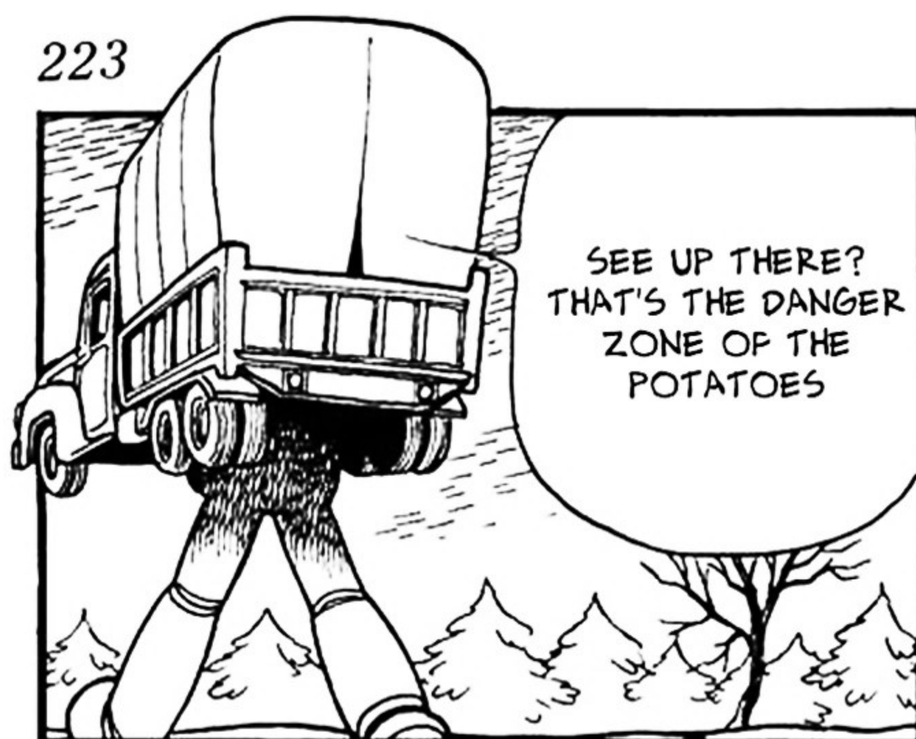


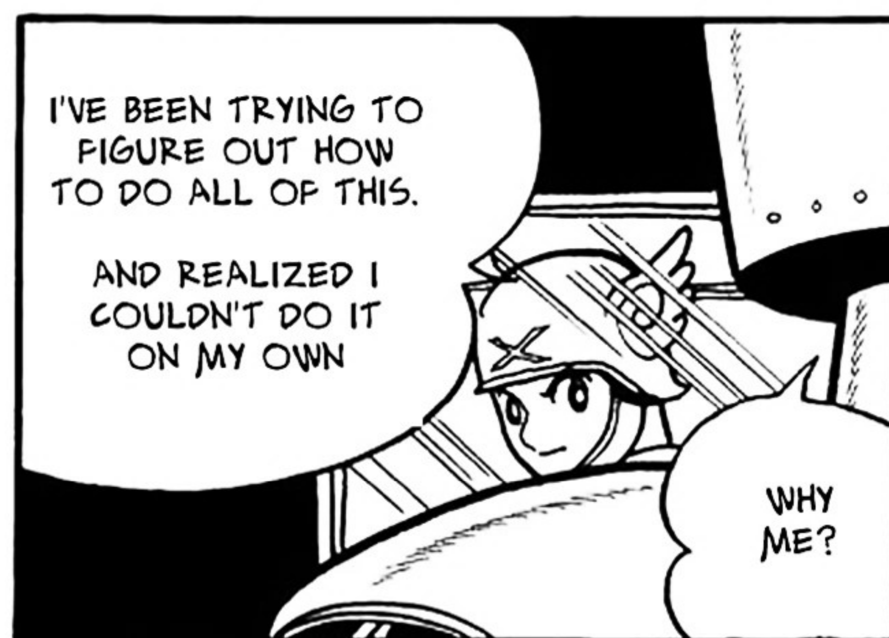

....I'M NOT SURE HOW EFFECTIVE BOMBING AND ARTILLERY WOULD BE IN FIGHTING THOSE POTATOES, BUT I'M SURE IT WOULDN'T DO MUCH TO THEM.
YEAH. SO?

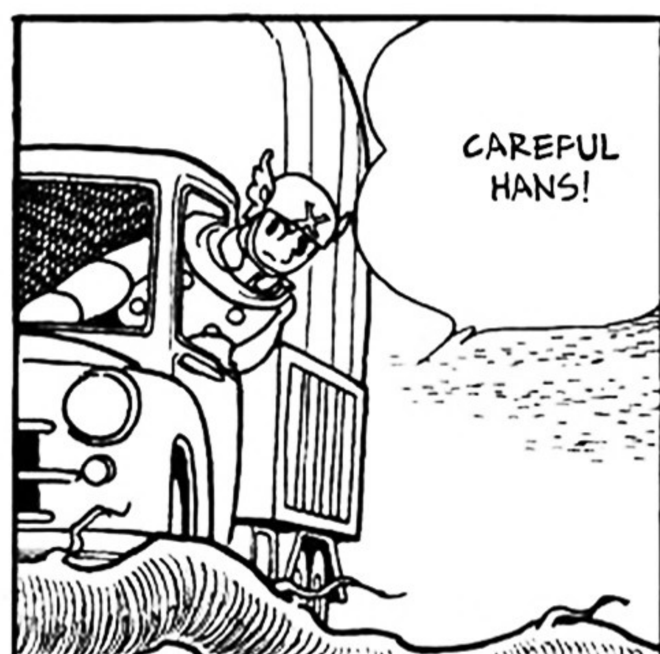

I NEED THE HELP OF YOUR SUPER ROBOT BODY. TO TELL THE TRUTH WE MIGHT NEED AN ARMY OF THEM
AN ARMY OF ROBOTS?


I'M PRETTY SURE YOU KNOW HOW TO HACK THE V-3S
OF COURSE. IT WAS MY GRANDFATHER'S ROBOT.

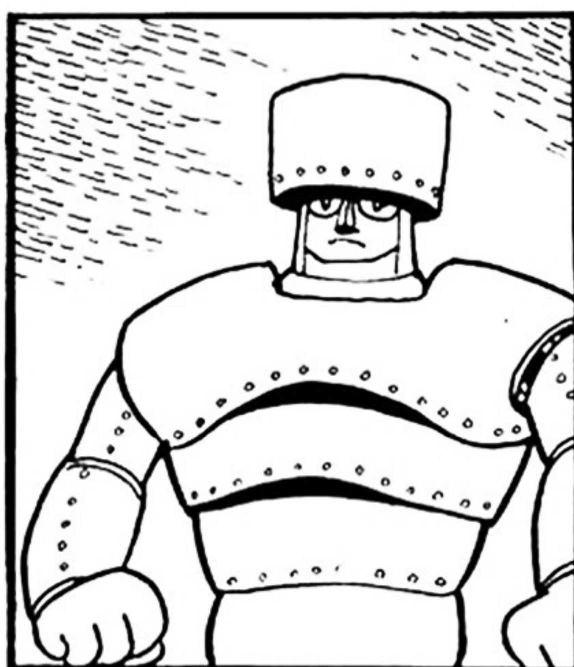

I WANT TO MAKE A LOT OF V-3S AND HAVE THEM FIGHT THE POTATOES... BUT FIRST, I WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT THE POTATOES LOOK LIKE.
I NEED YOU TO GO TO THE UNDERGROUND FORTRESS AND CHECK IT OUT.

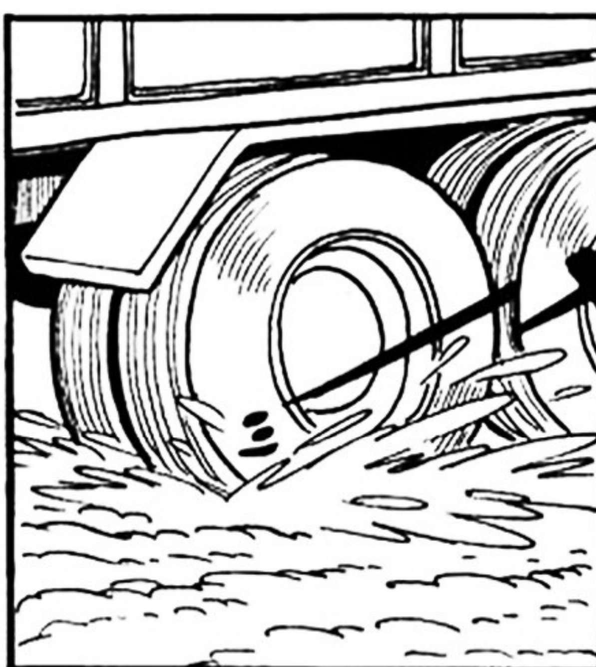

SEE UP THERE? THAT'S THE DANGER ZONE OF THE POTATOES

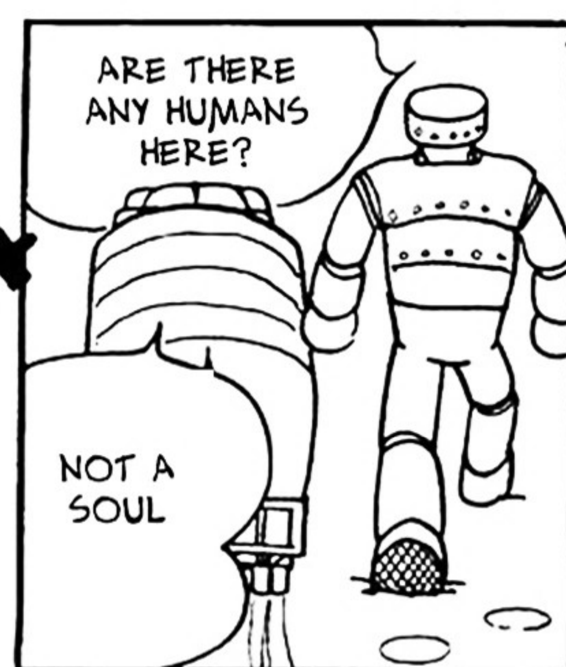

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO ALL OF THIS.
AND REALIZED I COULDN'T DO IT ON MY OWN
WHY ME?

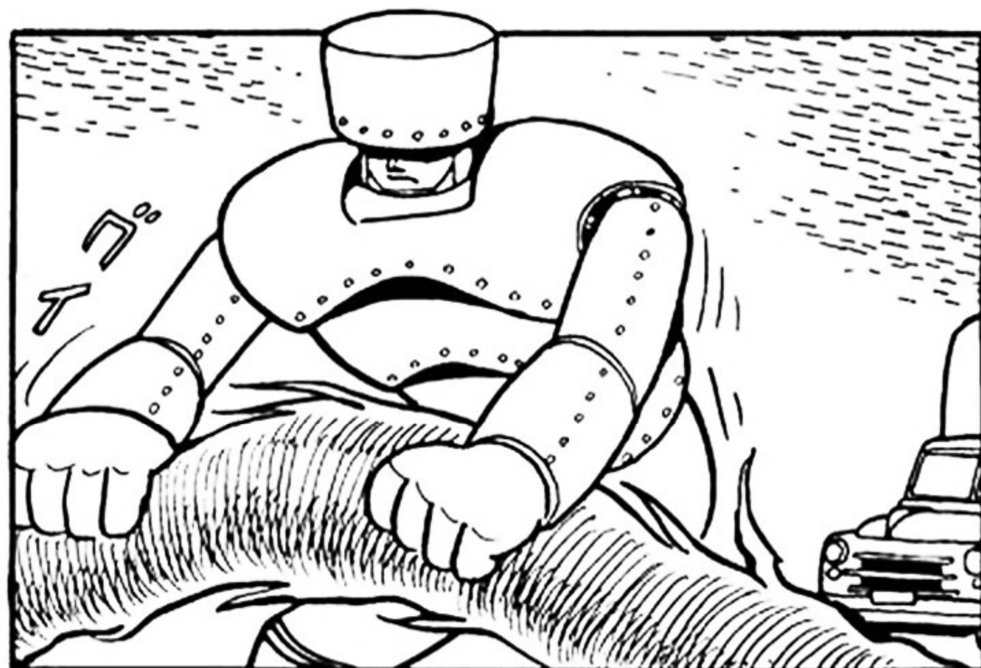

CAREFUL HANS!

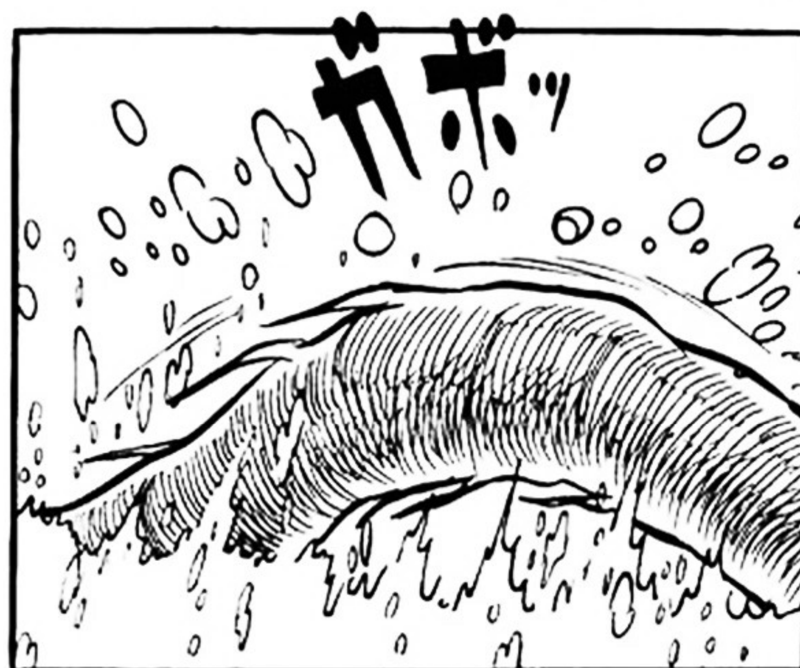

THERE... THERE THEY ARE

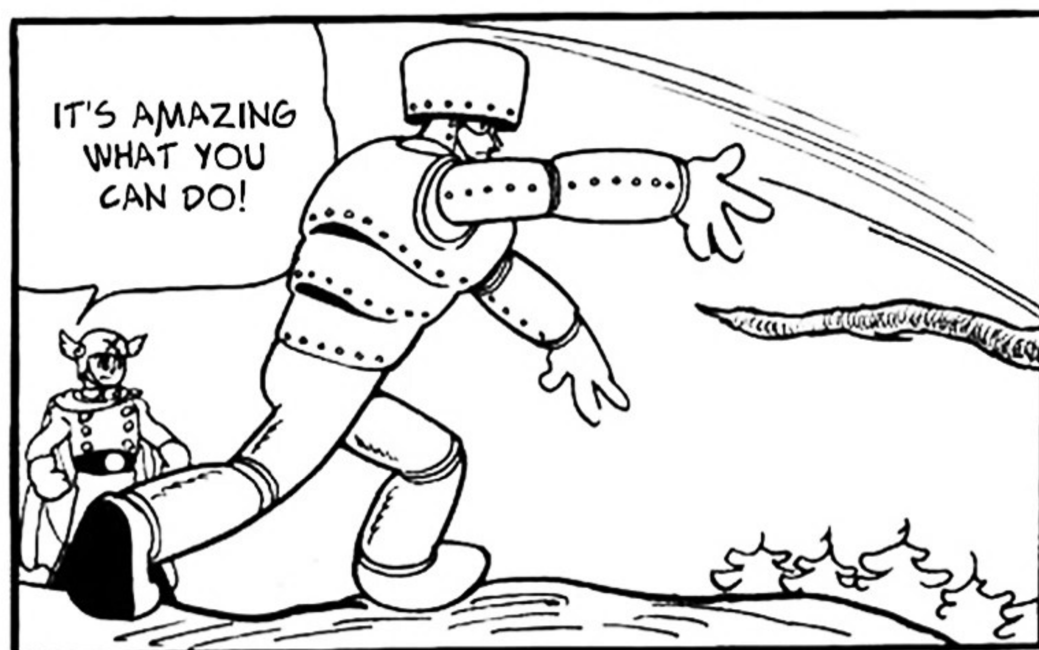


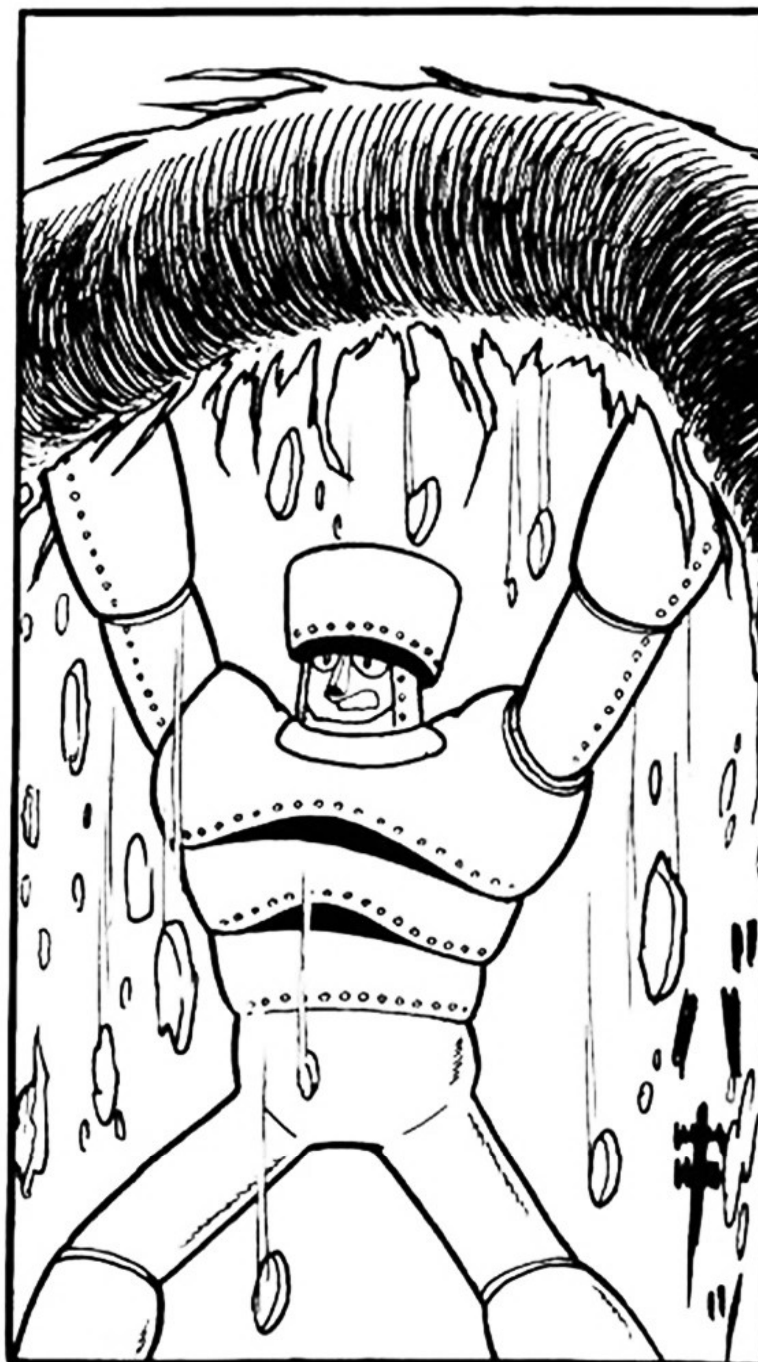



ARE THERE ANY HUMANS HERE?
NOT A SOUL

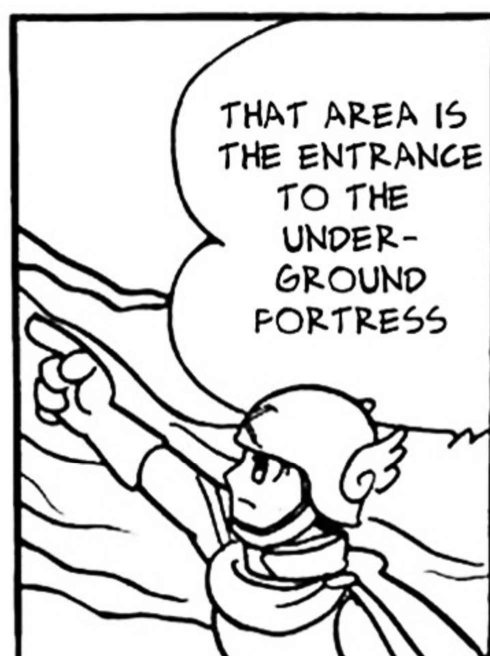

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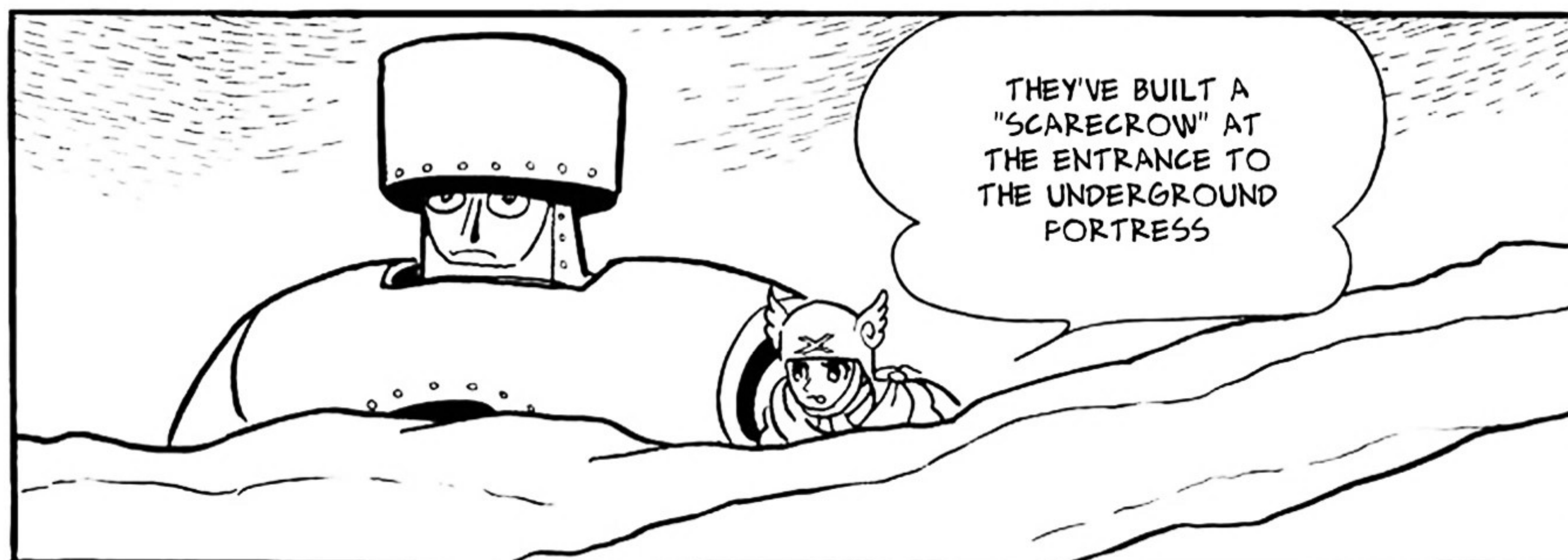


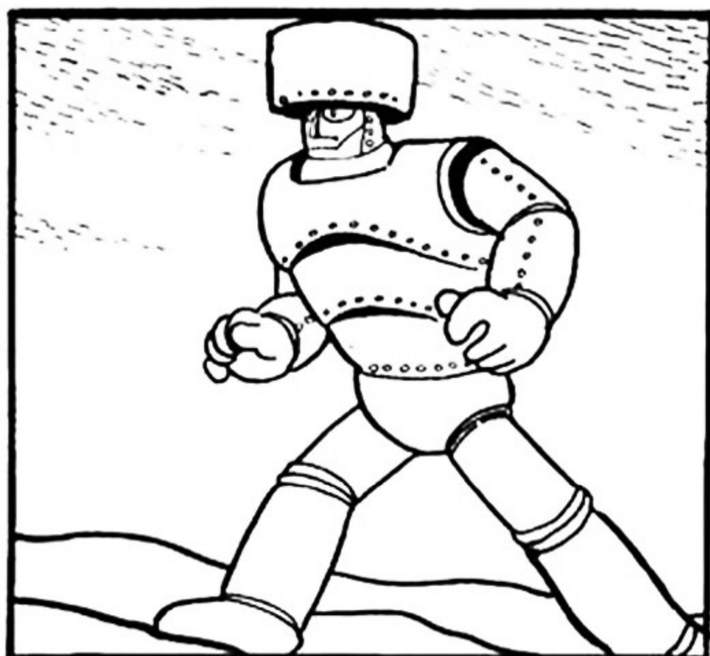




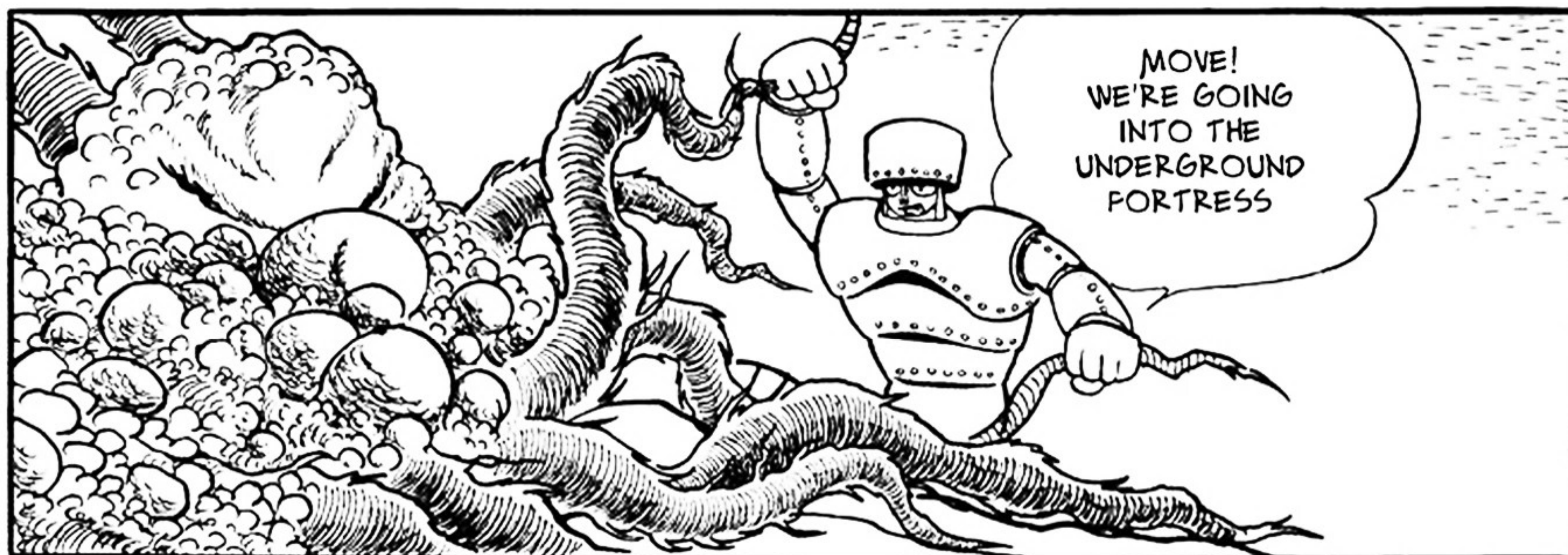


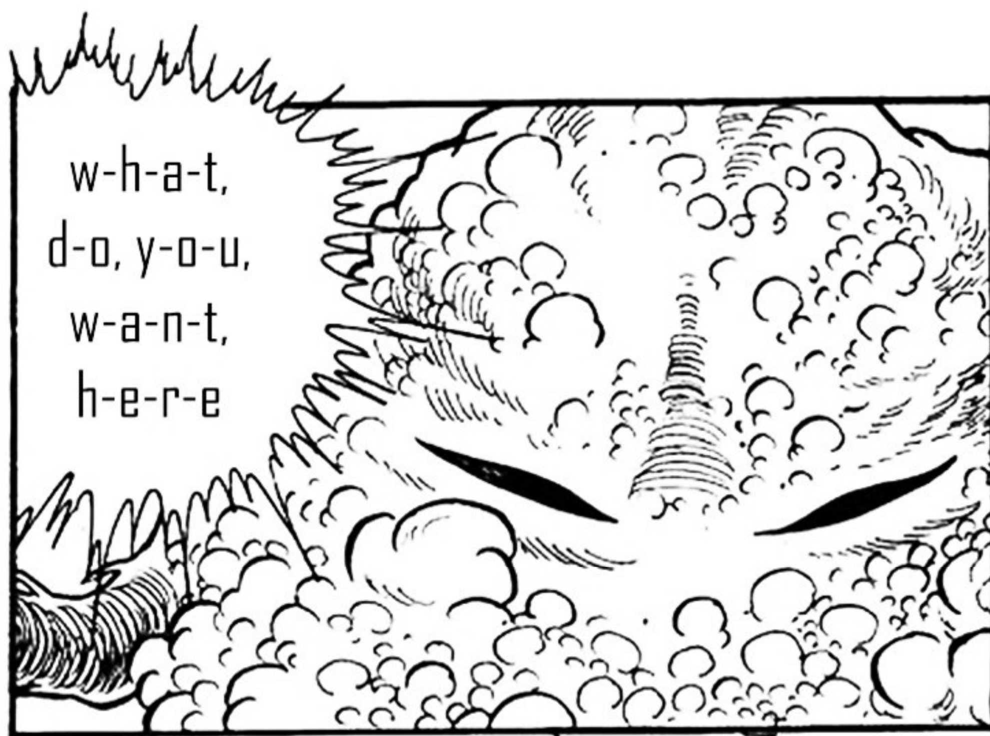
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?

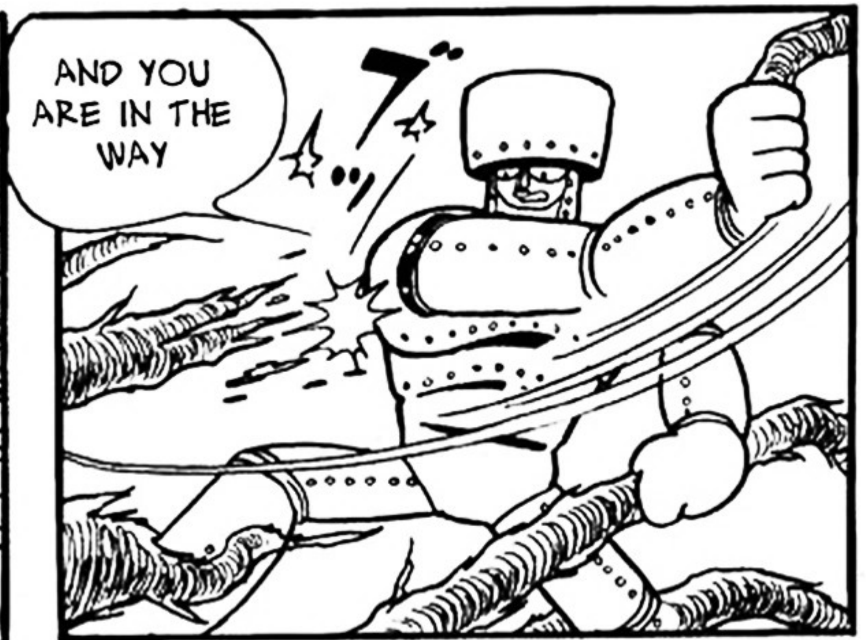

THEY'VE BUILT A "SCARECROW" AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE UNDERGROUND FORTRESS

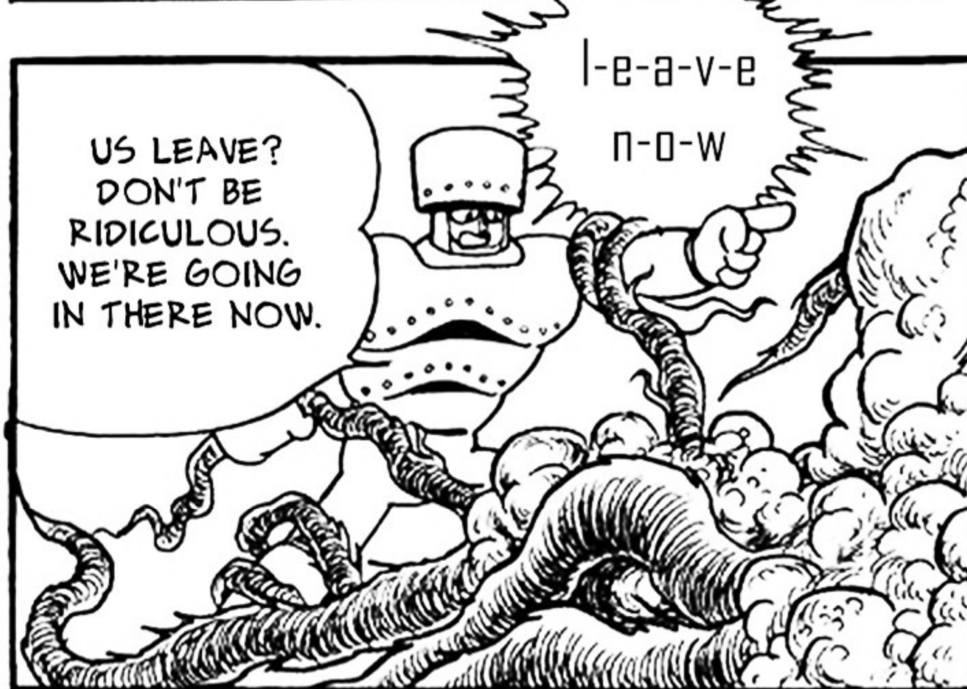


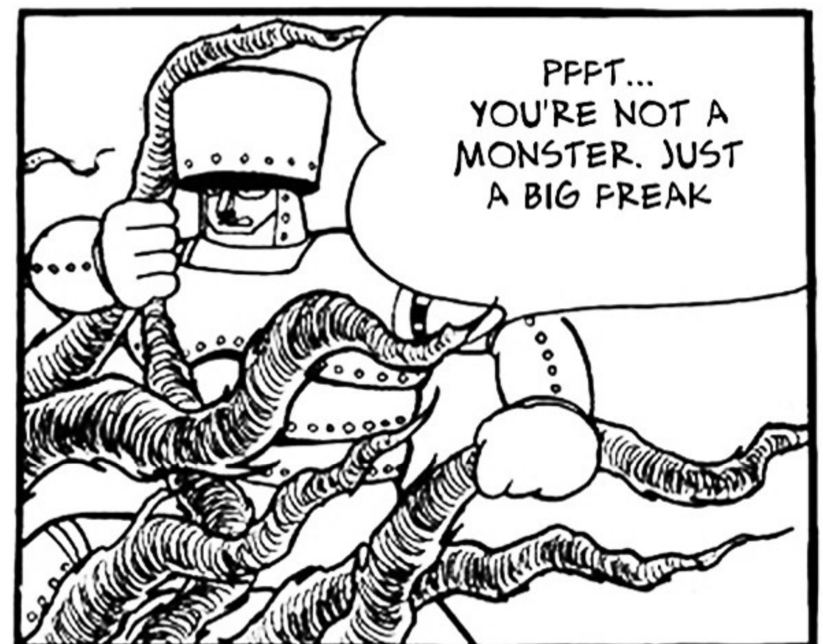

COME ON. I'M GONNA BEAT THE SHIT OUT OF HIM.
OKAY, I'M OFF.
BE CAREFUL HANS! I'M A BIT WORRIED ABOUT YOU


MOVE! WE'RE GOING INTO THE UNDERGROUND FORTRESS


w-h-a-t, d-o, y-o-u, w-a-n-t, h-e-r-e

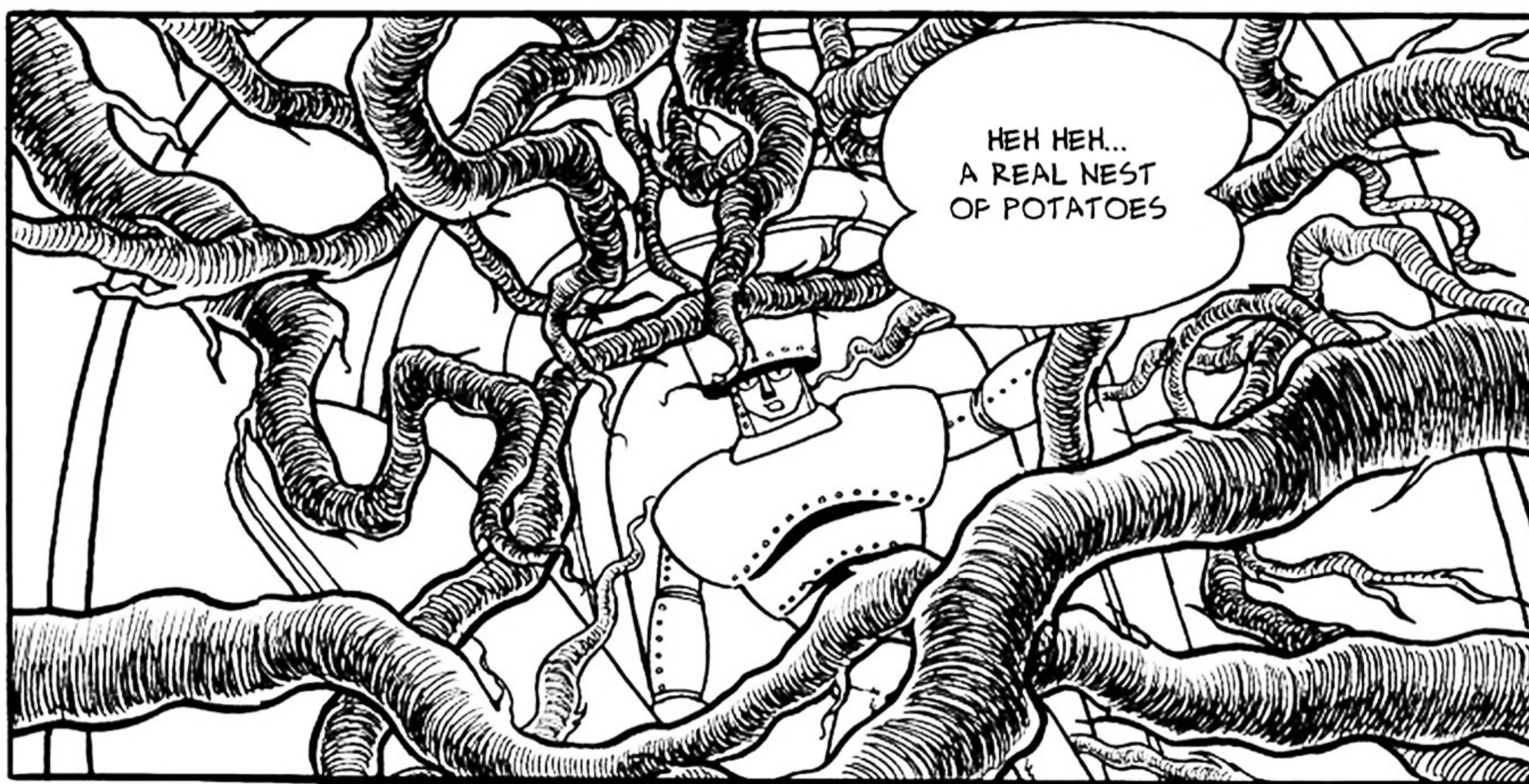

AND YOU ARE IN THE WAY

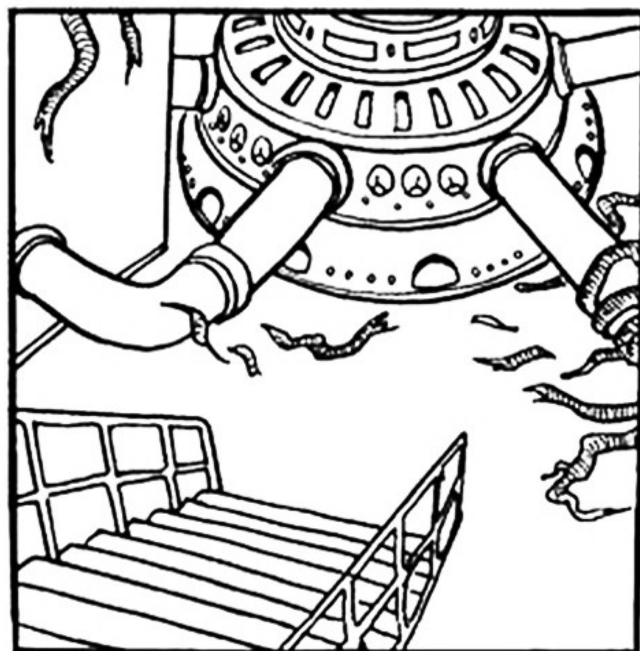

l-e-a-v-e n-o-w
US LEAVE? DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. WE'RE GOING IN THERE NOW.

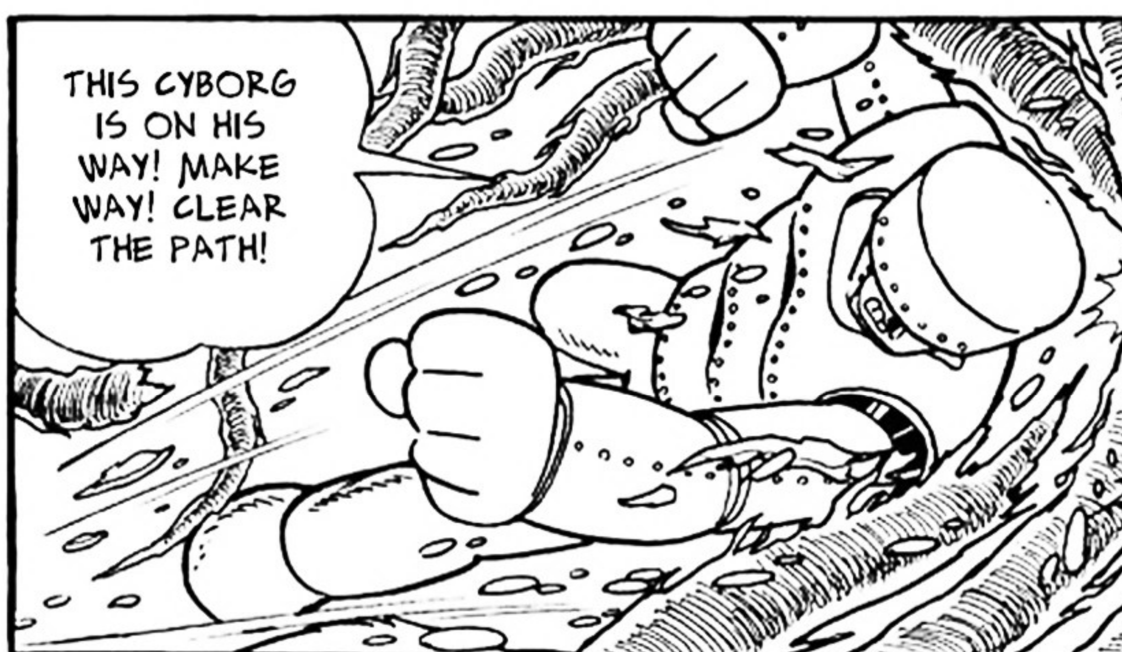

PFFT... YOU'RE NOT A MONSTER. JUST A BIG FREAK

MOVE IT!



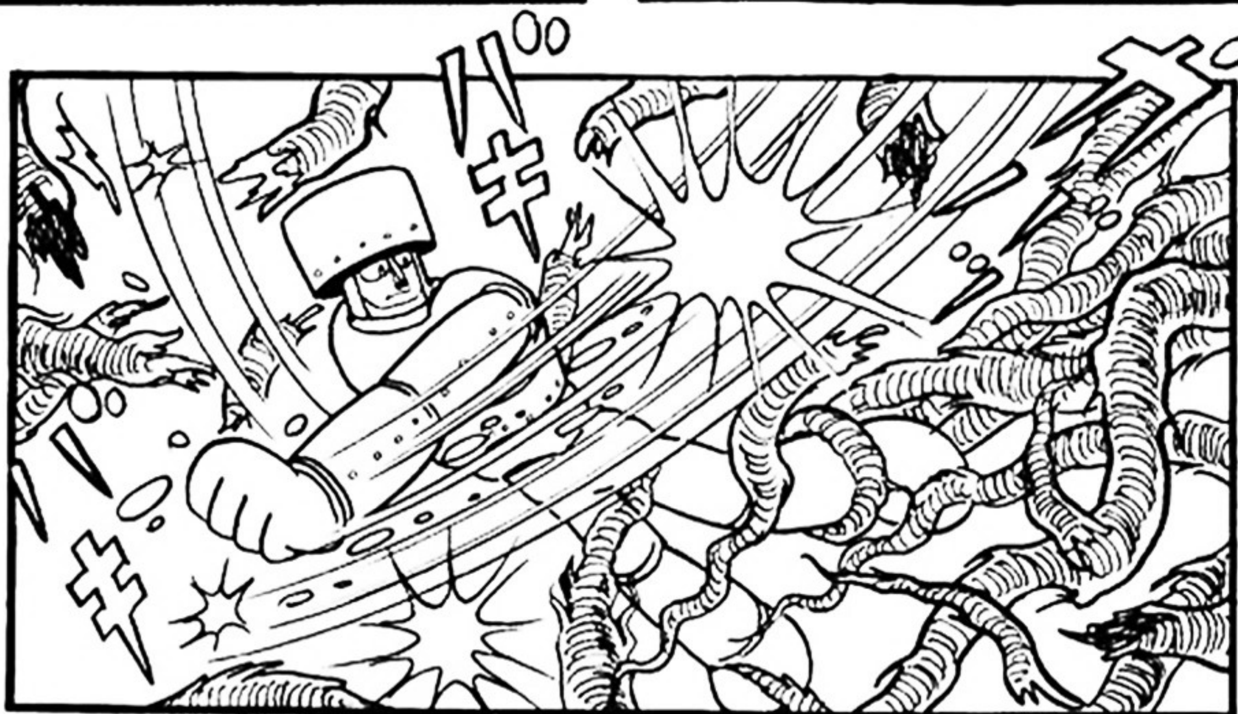

HEH HEH...
A REAL NEST
OF POTATOES

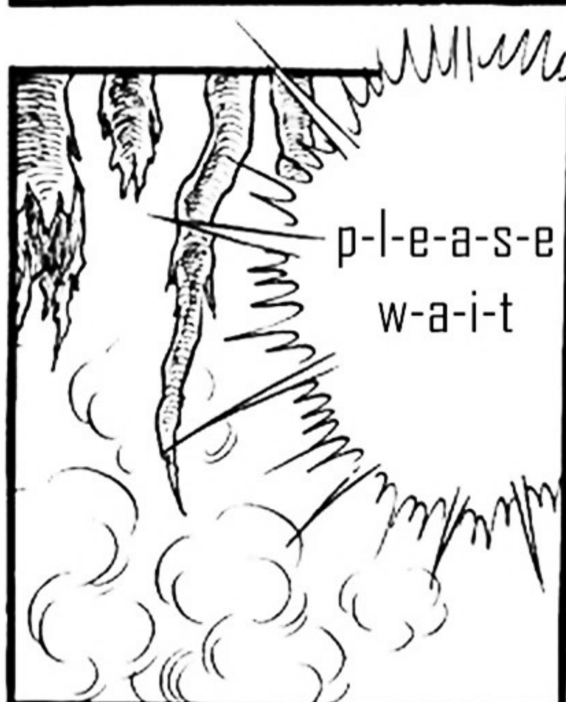


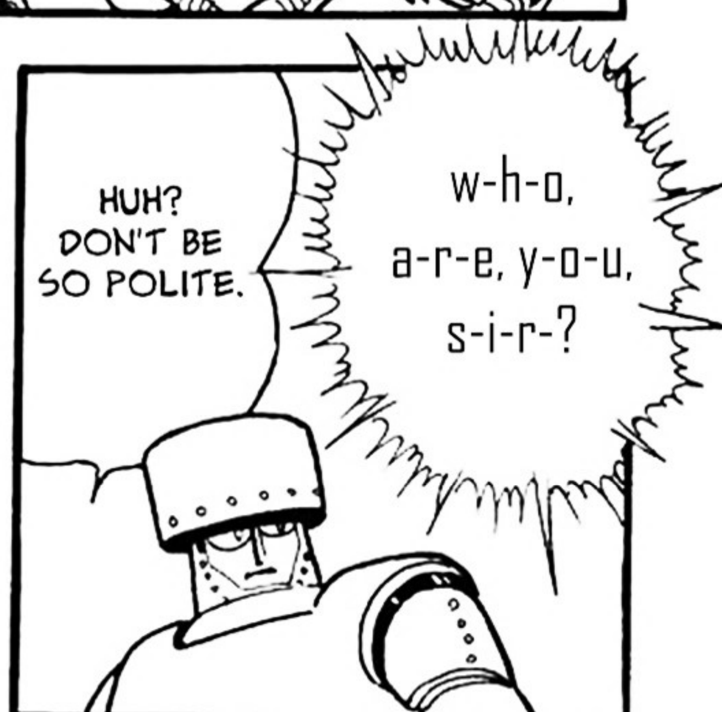

THIS CYBORG IS ON HIS WAY! MAKE WAY! CLEAR THE PATH!

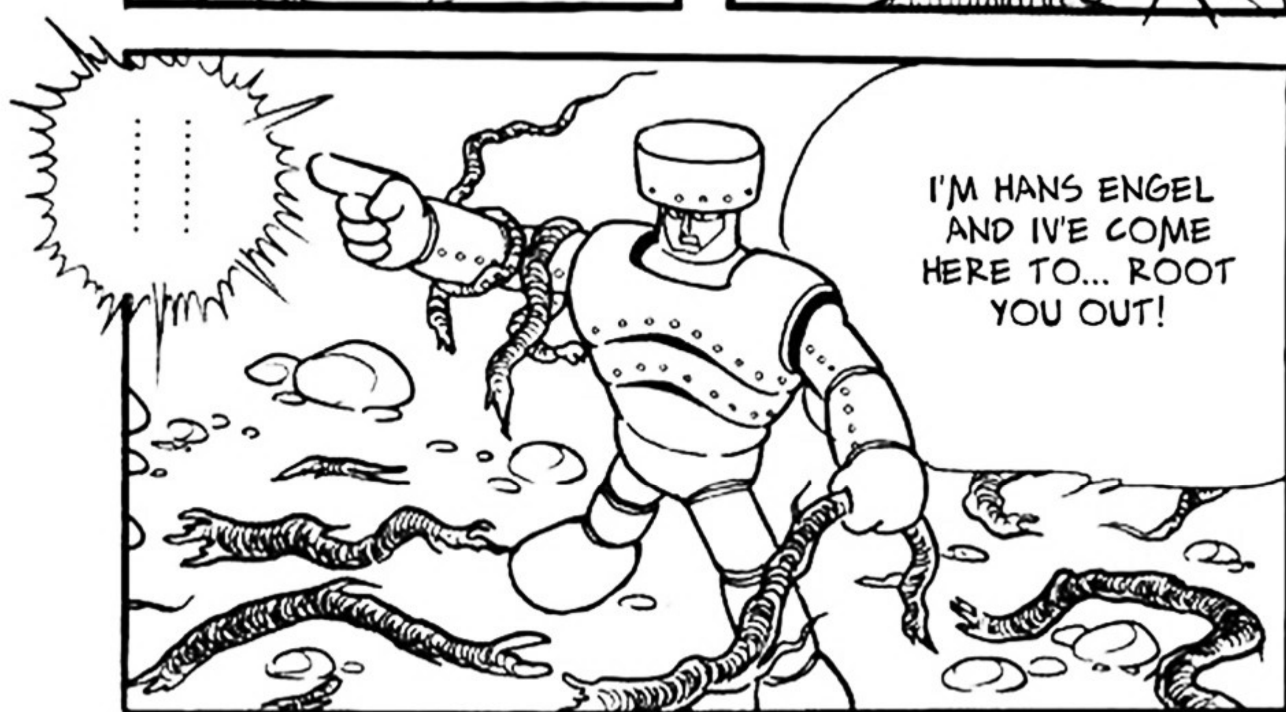

THIS IS A GREAT UNDERGROUND FORTRESS! BETTER THAN THE MAGINOT FORTRESS IN NAZI GERMANY.



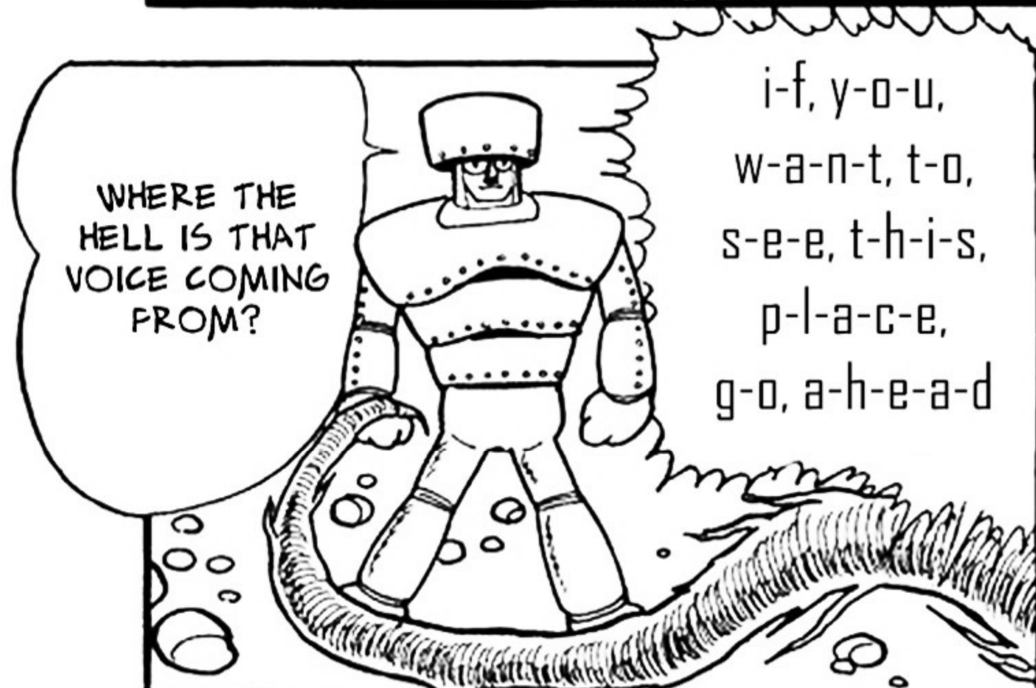


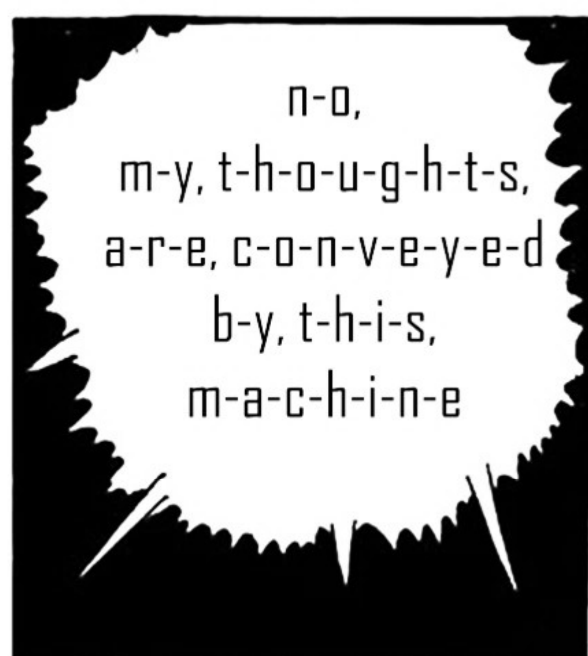

p-l-e-a-s-e w-a-i-t

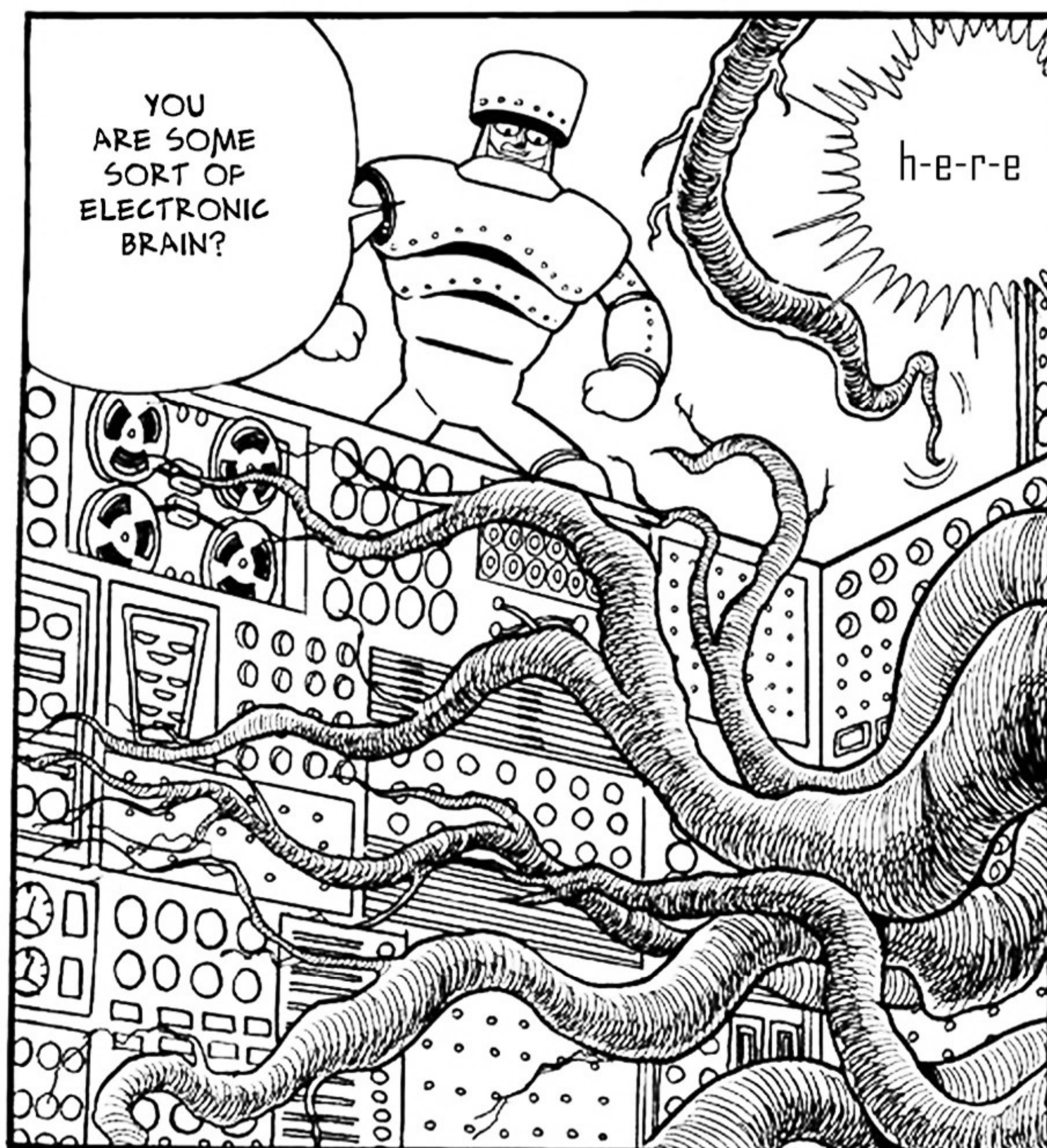

w-h-o, a-r-e, y-o-u, s-i-r-?
HUH? DON'T BE SO POLITE.

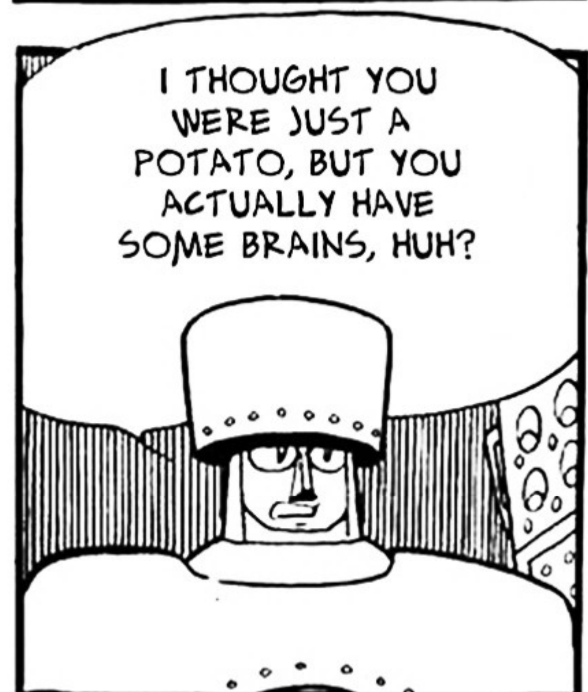

I'M HANS ENGEL AND IV'E COME HERE TO... ROOT YOU OUT!
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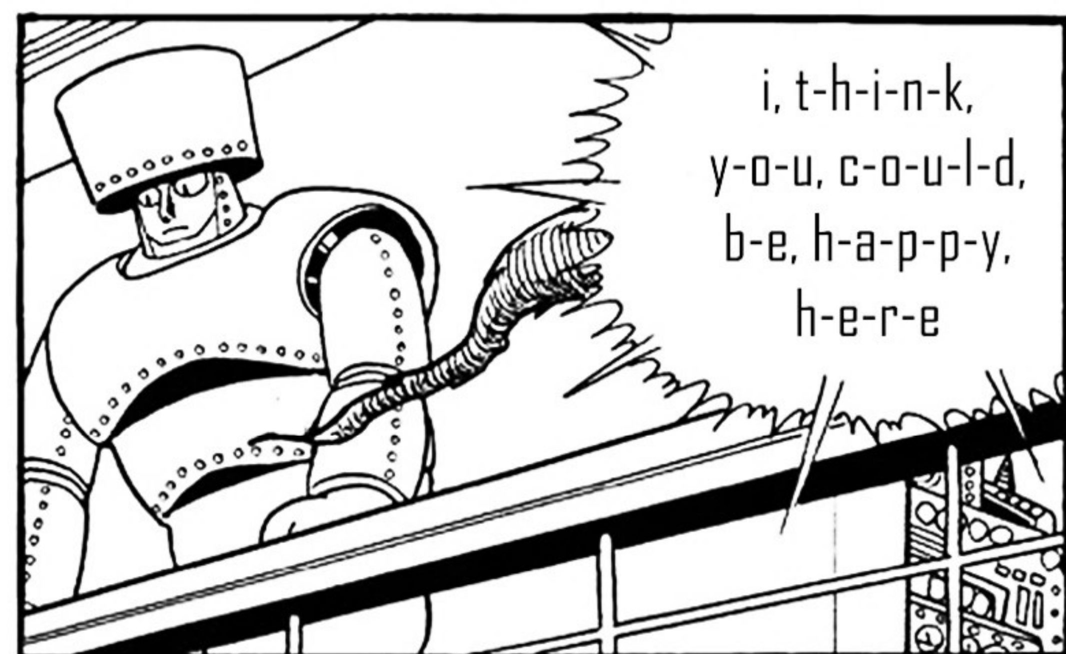

y-o-u, d-o, n-o-t, w-a-n-t, t-o, h-u-r-t, m-e, l-i-k-e, t-h-a-t
NOW YOU'RE TALKING A BUNCH OF CRAP

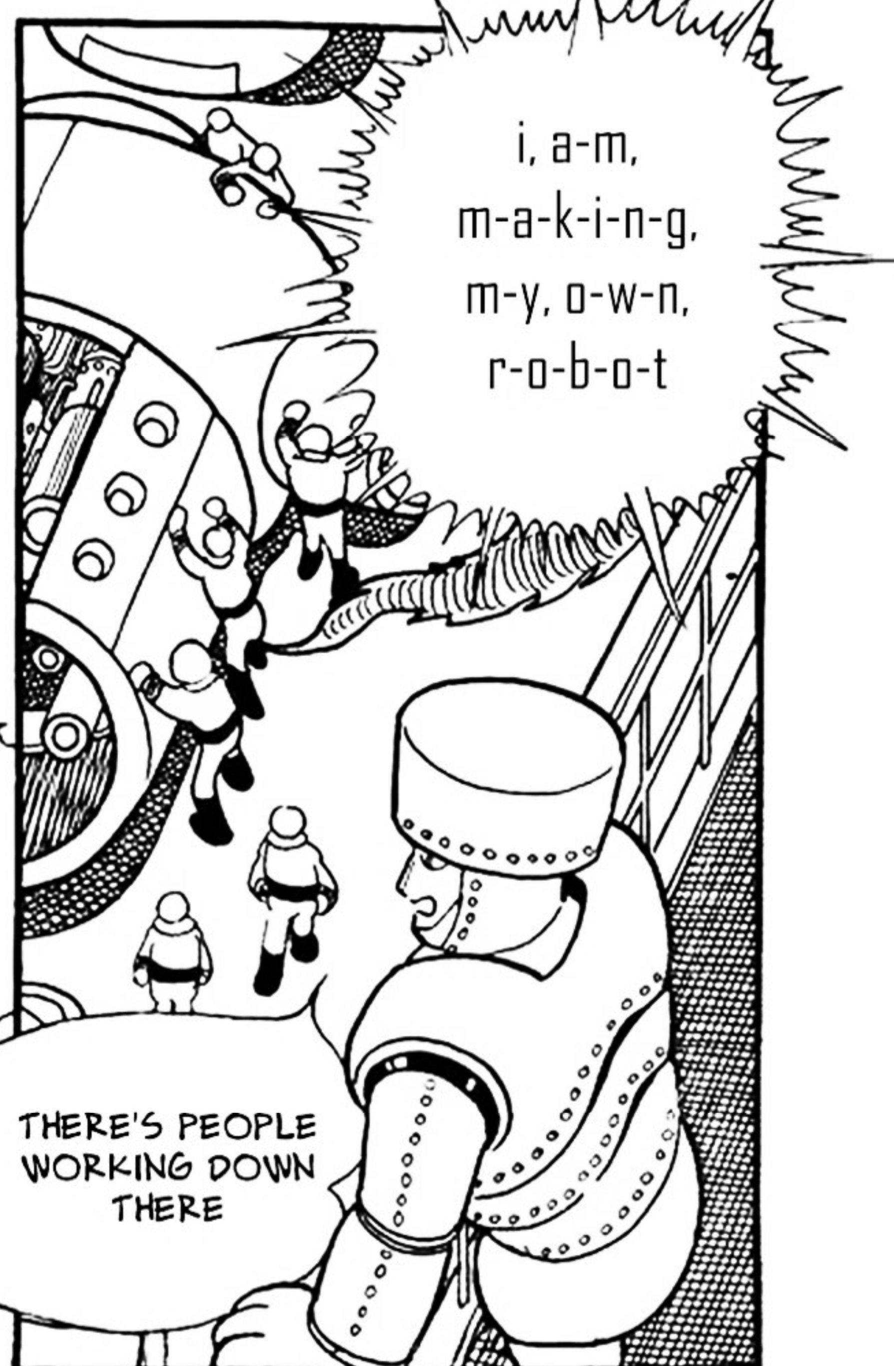

i-f, y-o-u, w-a-n-t, t-o, s-e-e, t-h-i-s, p-l-a-c-e, g-o, a-h-e-a-d
WHERE THE HELL IS THAT VOICE COMING FROM?


n-o, m-y, t-h-o-u-g-h-t-s, a-r-e, c-o-n-v-e-y-e-d b-y, t-h-i-s, m-a-c-h-i-n-e

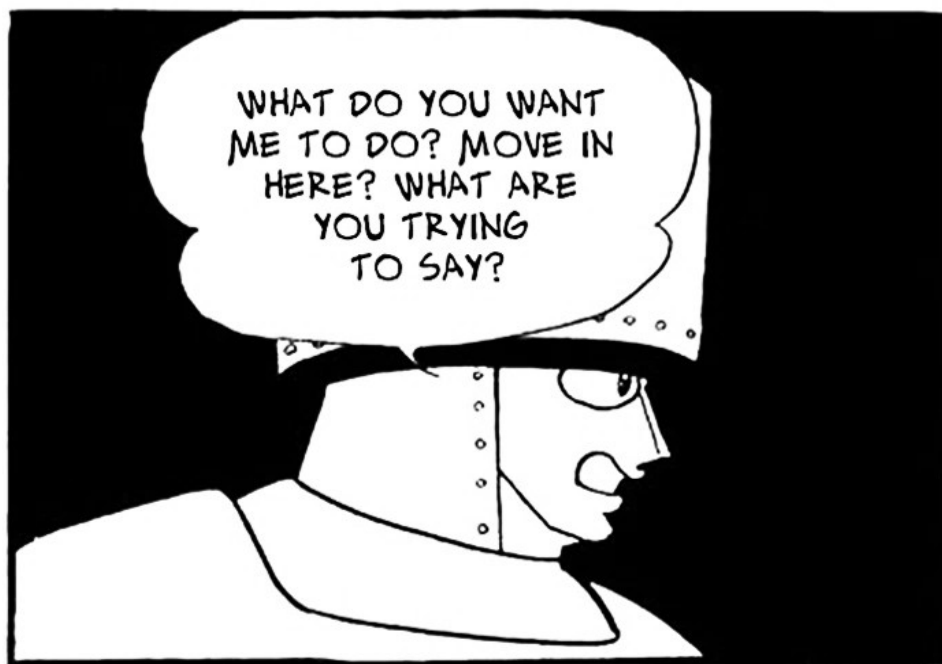

YOU ARE SOME SORT OF ELECTRONIC BRAIN?
h-e-r-e


I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST A POTATO, BUT YOU ACTUALLY HAVE SOME BRAINS, HUH?

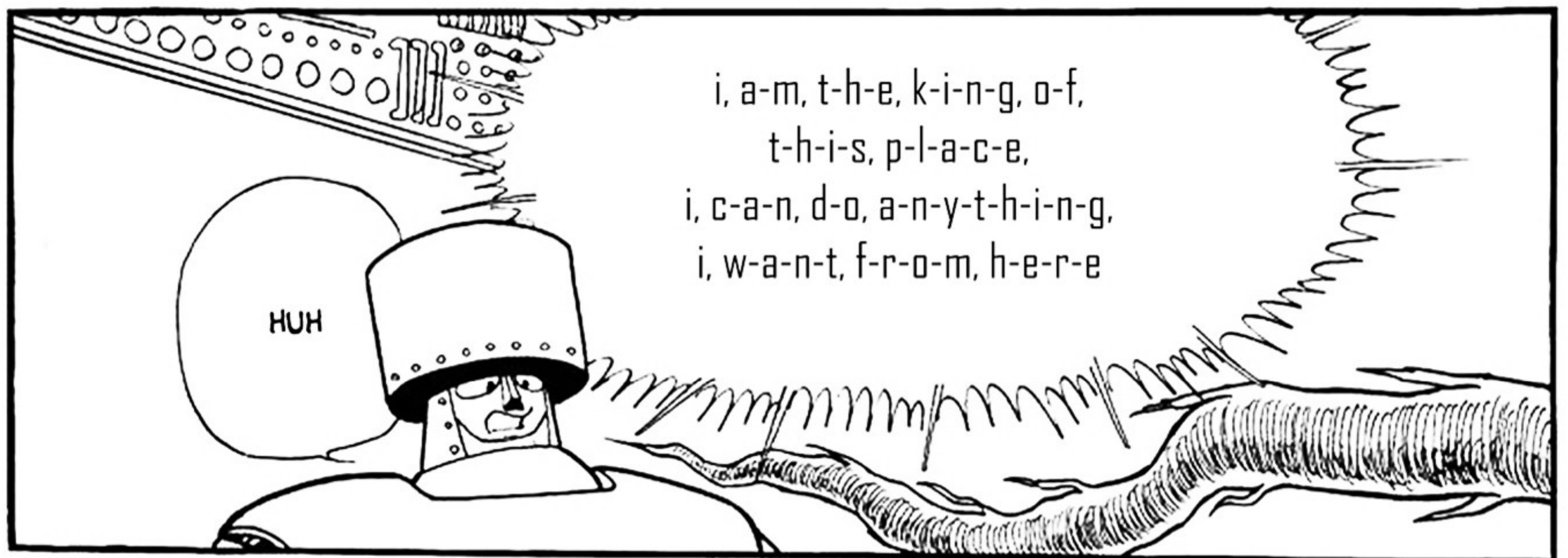

i, t-h-i-n-k, y-o-u, c-o-u-l-d, b-e, h-a-p-p-y, h-e-r-e


i, a-m, m-a-k-i-n-g, m-y, o-w-n, r-o-b-o-t
THERE'S PEOPLE WORKING DOWN THERE


IT'S A PRETTY NICE FACILITY. I DO LIKE IT A LOT
d-o, y-o-u, g-e-t, w-h-a-t, i, m-e-a-n-?

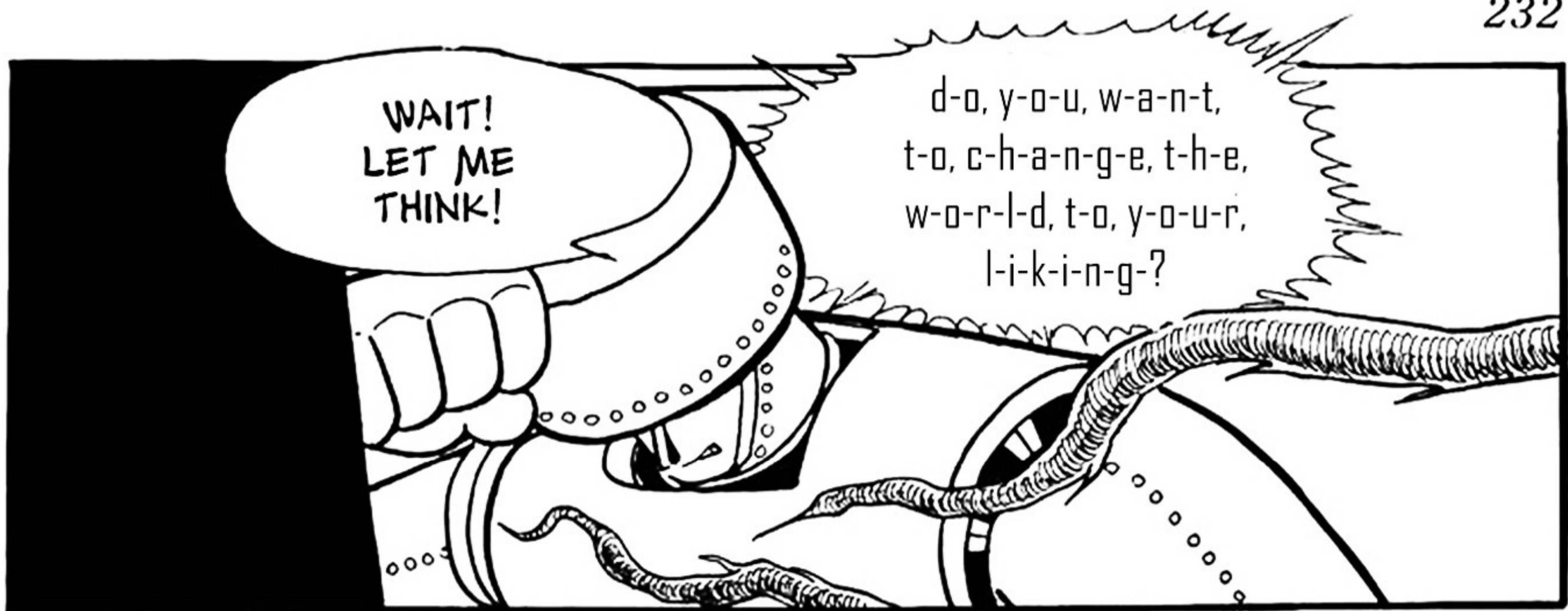


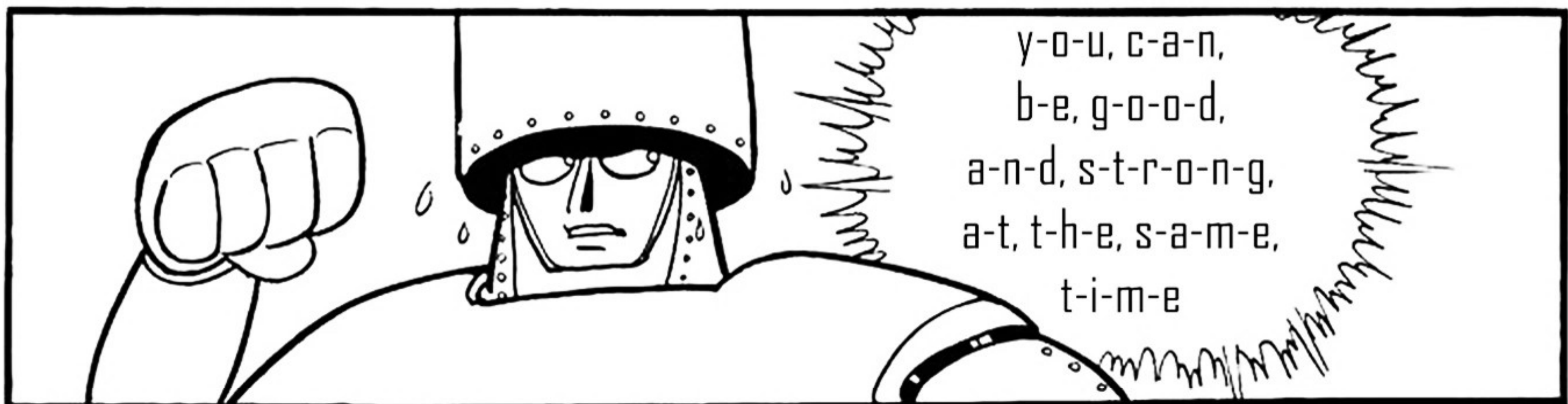




i, w-i-l-l, g-i-v-e, y-o-u, a-l-l, o-f, t-h-a-t, p-o-w-e-r, a-n-d, y-o-u, c-a-n, g-i-v-e, m-e, t-h-e, d-r-u-g, t-h-a-t, m-a-k-e-s, g-i-a-n-t-s

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?





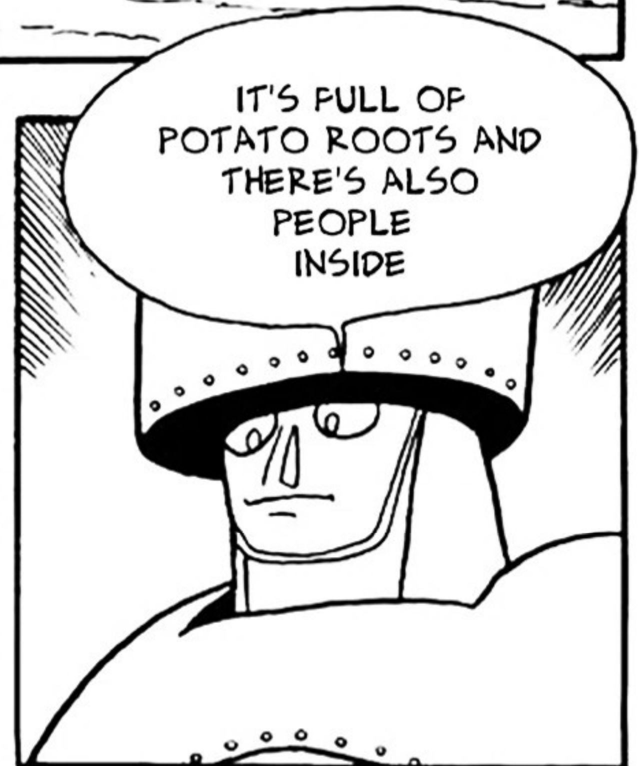
OKAY POTATO MONSTER, YOU SEEM TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING

I'LL GET YOU BIG X AND I'LL BE THE MASTER OF THIS FORTRESS

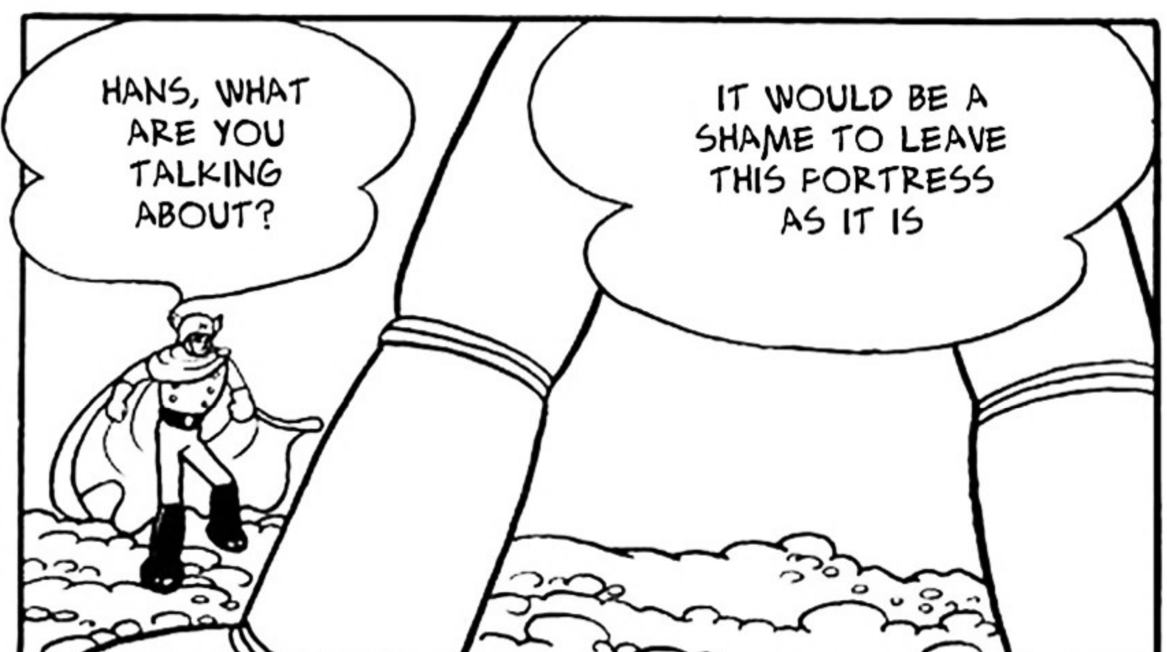
HANS! HOW'D IT GO IN THERE?

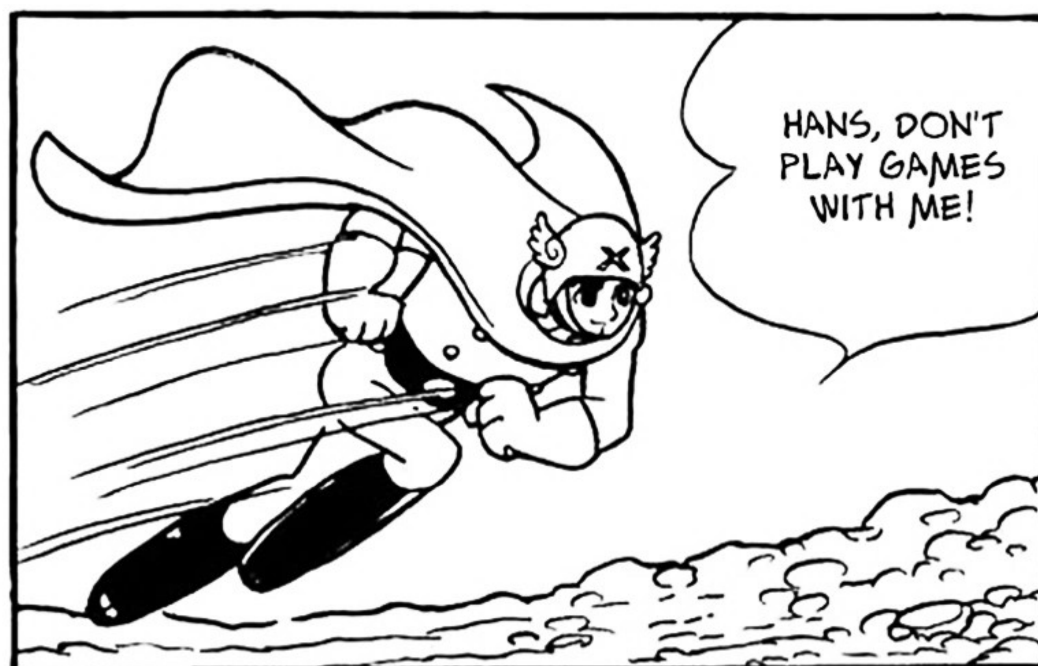


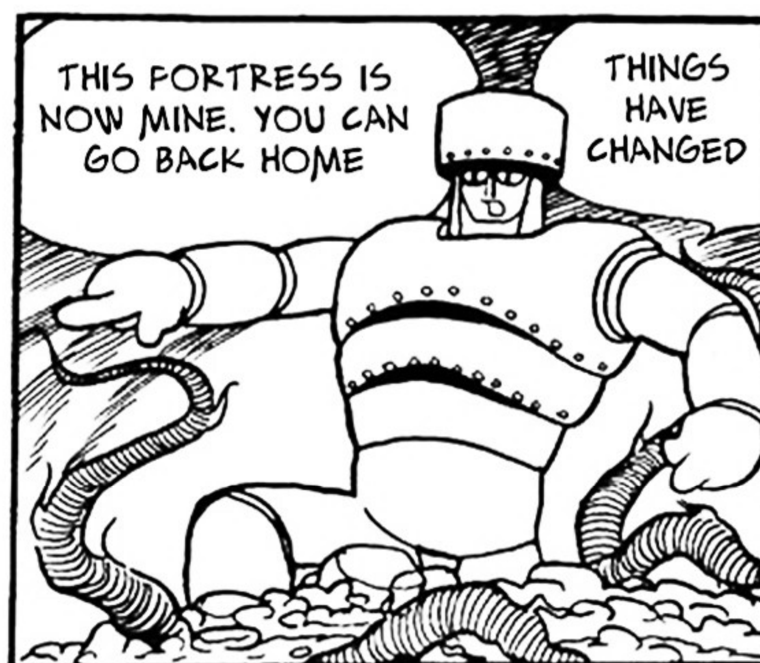






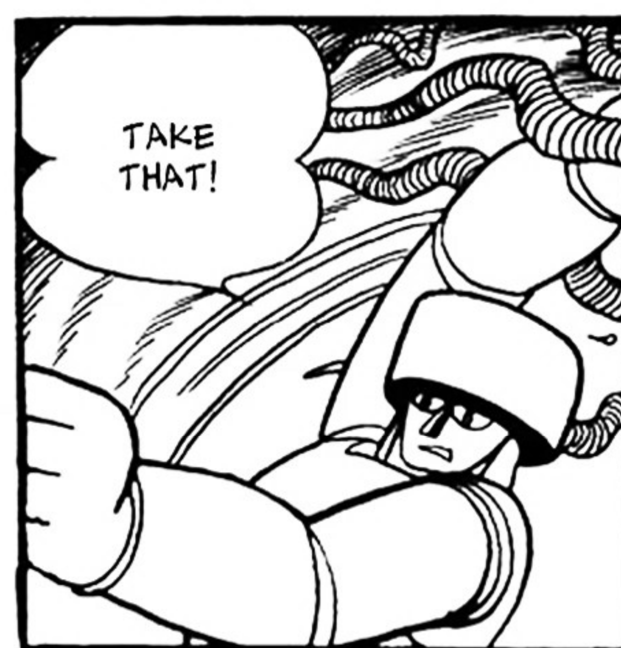



HANS, DON'T PLAY GAMES WITH ME!

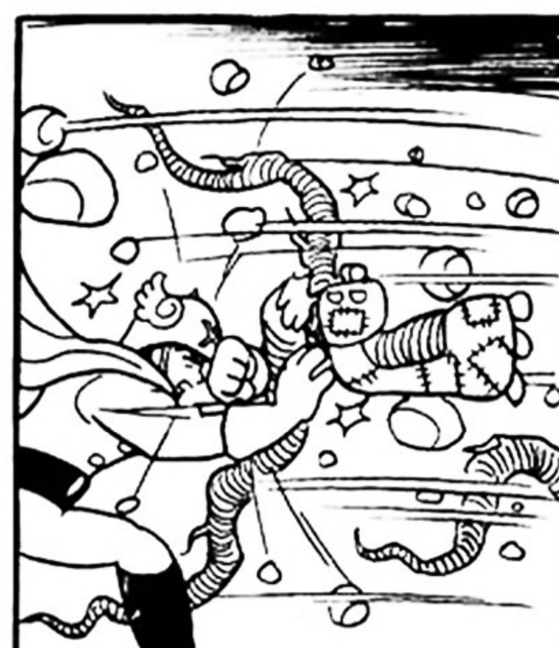

THINGS HAVE CHANGED
THIS FORTRESS IS NOW MINE. YOU CAN GO BACK HOME


WHAT THE HELL?

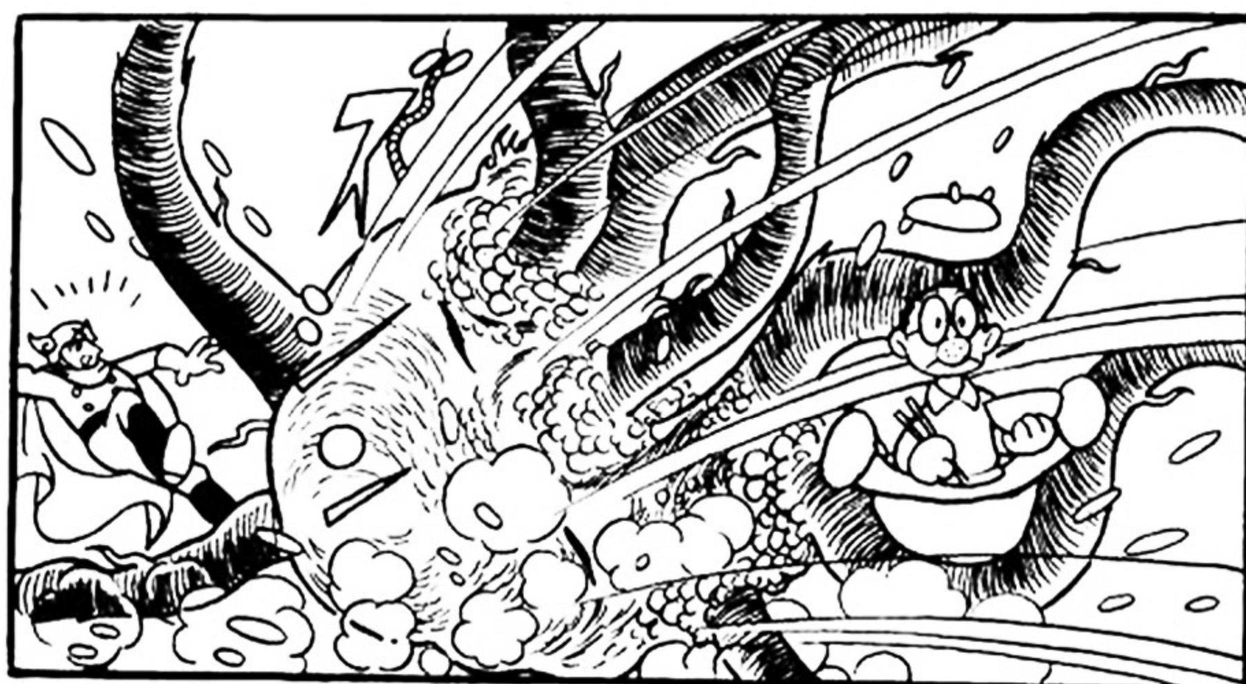

AH!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER

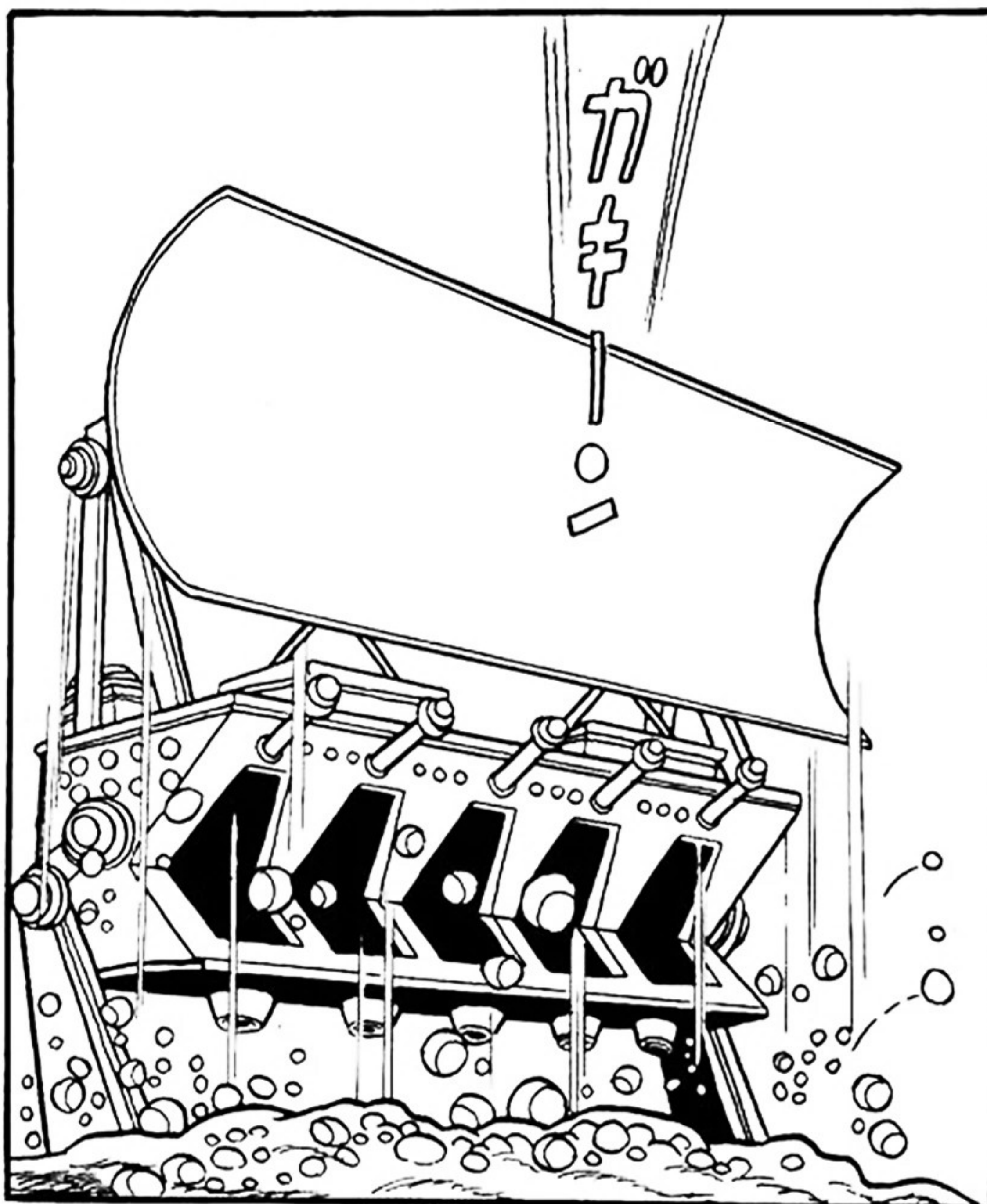

TAKE THAT!

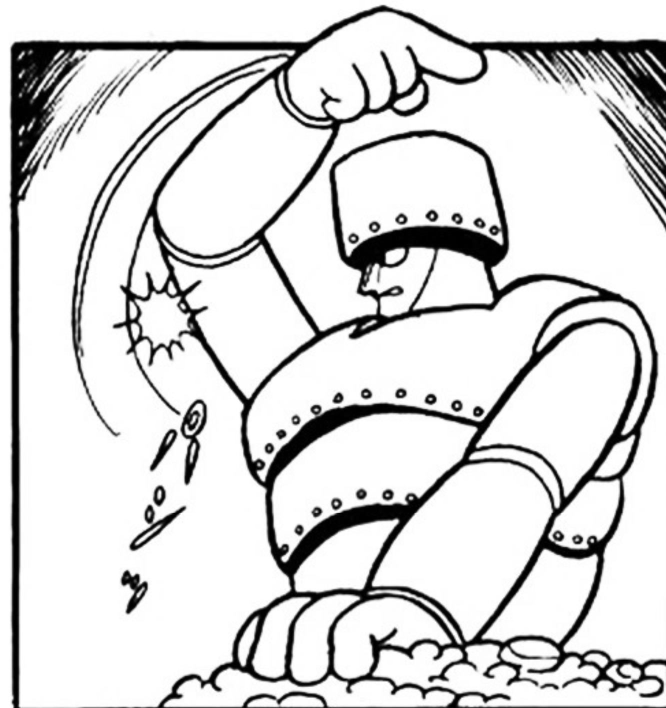

HANS! STOP IT!

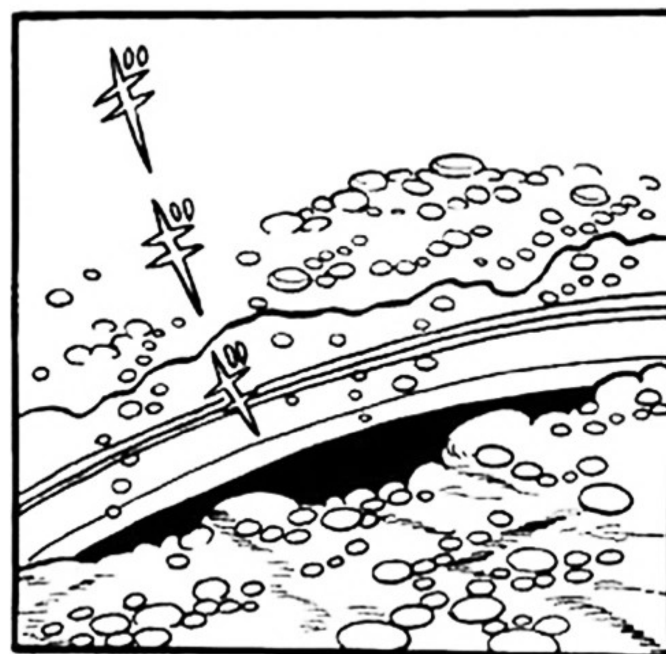


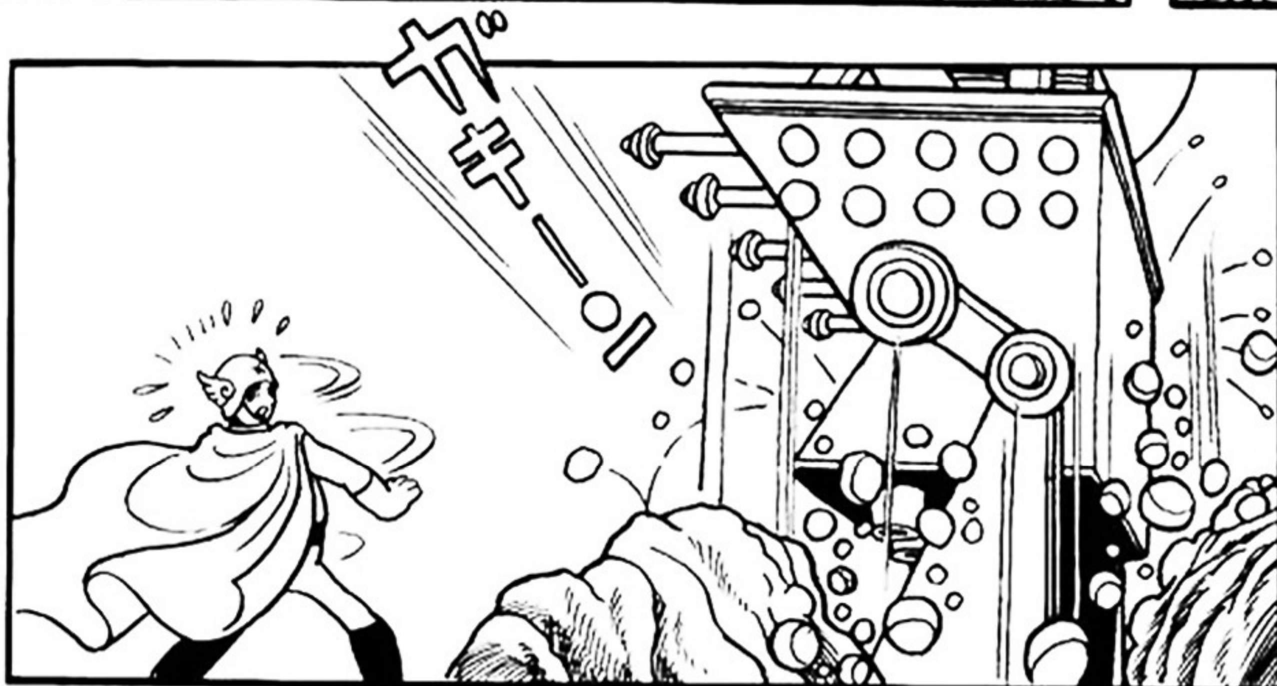

HANS, ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS?



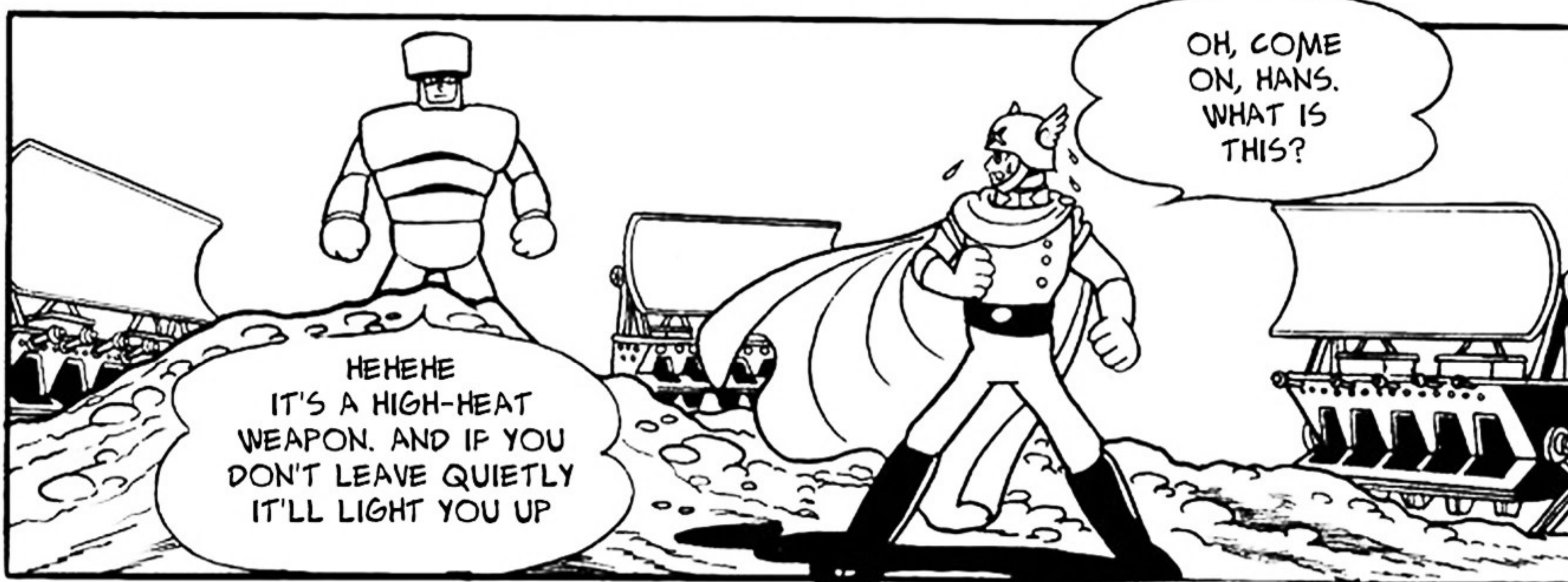

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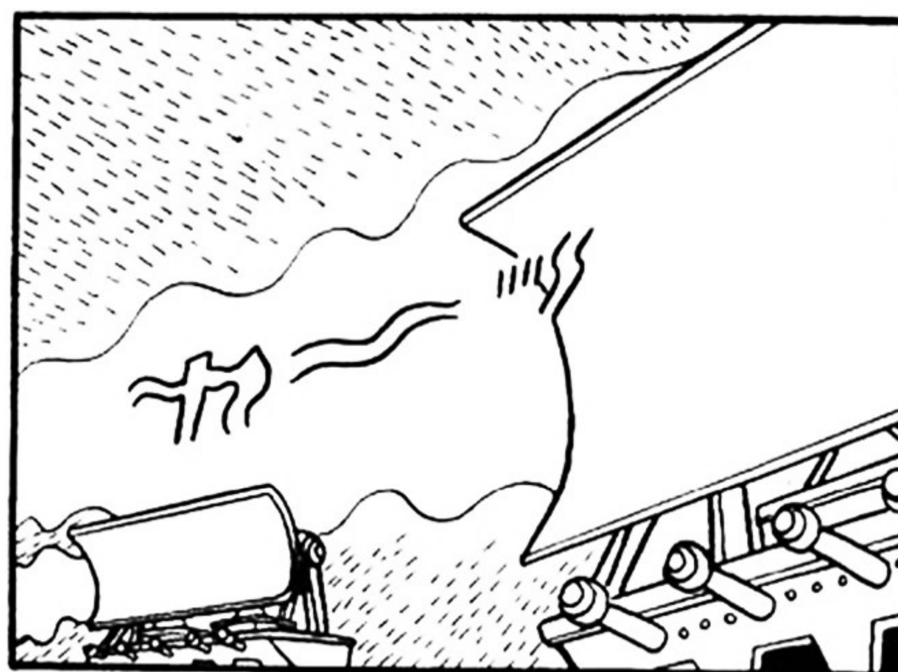

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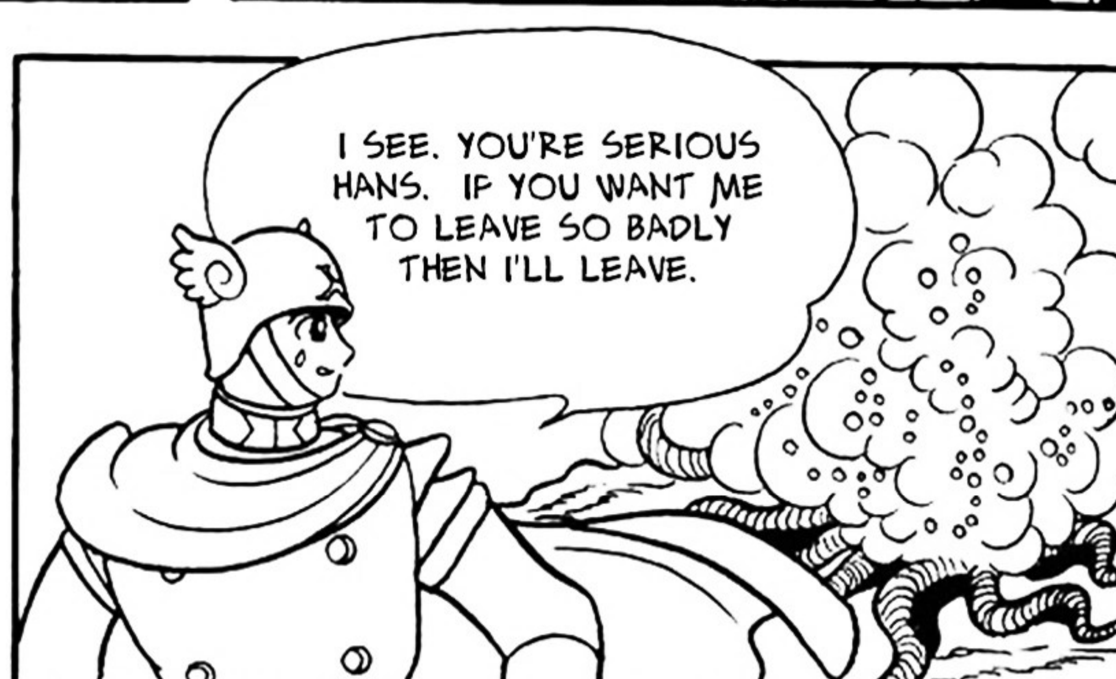

WH-WHAT?


OH, COME ON, HANS. WHAT IS THIS?
HEHEHE IT'S A HIGH-HEAT WEAPON. AND IF YOU DON'T LEAVE QUIETLY IT'LL LIGHT YOU UP






I WANTED TO BELIEVE IN YOU, BUT....
NOW WE ARE ENEMIES. SO BE CAREFUL


I SEE. YOU'RE SERIOUS HANS. IF YOU WANT ME TO LEAVE SO BADLY THEN I'LL LEAVE.

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